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## **Story Behind the Book**

"My motivation for the Sisterchicks™ books came from being involved with so many women who get halfway through life and shipwreck their faith or their families in search of themselves. I wanted to write a book that extols faithfulness and shines the light on God's plan for a woman's life, which is always more gigantic and more mysterious than she ever first believed. On the edge of my heart sits a constant prayer for the reader who lifts the covers of these books and snuggles in for a cozy read. My prayer is that she will be filled with hope and will come closer than ever to the One who loves to sprinkle His wonders over our days."

## **Sisterchicks Down Under Details**

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## **From Reader Review Sisterchicks Down Under for online ebook**

### **Deb says**

I loved this book. Again an easy read with some things to think about:

Mostly what God does is love you.  
Keep company with Him and learn a life of love.  
Observe how Christ loved us.  
His love was not cautious but extravagant.  
He didn't love in order to get something from us  
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How lovely some of the words are. And apparently when I went to enter this in my Book Journal, I had already read it!!!

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### **Odetta says**

It says I read this book in January. I don't remember it & Talking Books sent it back to me in August. (8/22-23/11)

I love all the Sisterchick books & they are just as good the second time around as the first time. It's always harder to pick something up from the spoken word than it is when it was read. It's kind of like, "I think I've heard this before." But with Sisterchicks, it doesn't matter if you've heard it before, it's still good. You can still laugh & still nod your head in agreement & totally feel good while you are sitting here with nothing else to do.

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### **Karen says**

This was just as good as the first in the series, Sisterchicks on the Loose! I didn't enjoy the 2nd one,

Sisterchicks Do the Hula!, quite as much so I was pleasantly surprised to have enjoyed this one so much! I don't know if it's the setting that I enjoy more - Finland and New Zealand/Australia as opposed to Hawaii - or the characters.

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## **Eryca Caldwell says**

### **The Sisterchick books have been great!**

I have recently been reading these Sisterchick books by Robin. I love how real the character are. Plus the humor during the pages. They are a quick read, I'm not sure if there's an order to the books but I have truly enjoyed them all. This one is no exception. The descriptions of the the places is great plus the friendship and experiences with God's work through it.

Another awesome book by Robin Jones-Gunn

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## **Mindi says**

It is embarrassing to admit that I read this book, but it was shallow and entertaining and helped me go to sleep at night, which is honestly when I do the most reading. Here's a hint: if you read a really shallow book like this and enjoy it, don't take it to your small group to share at the book give-a-way. People will want to know who contributed it and You Will Be Exposed. Just drop books like this in the library sale box. Others can discretely read and enjoy your shallow hand offs.

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## **Kristin says**

I love the verse that she starts out with:

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and Zanniechick pointed out this one:

Sitting up in bed, I whispered humbly to the Great God of this universe, the God who rules all that is visible and invisible, upside-down and right side up, that i'd rather experience His extravagant love and mercy every day than to receive the check-off mark I'd been asking for all these years. page 190

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### **Amy (Foxy) says**

#### **SERIES:**

No cliffhangers. Spinoffs.

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### **Laura Schrillo says**

One of my favorites in the series so far.

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### **Jeanie Pryor says**

This book was wonderful. I love the detail that Robin gives in her books of the places visited. It felt just like I was right there with the Chicks. I love the friendships that are told in these books. They are sweet, but real. Makes you wish you had a best friend just like the ones in each book. This is a great series to read if you love friendship books. There is a life lesson to learn in each book.

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### **Rena says**

As an "unsure" believer this book judges too much. I actually enjoyed the Bible verses and hearing the narrator's ruminations--very soothing. But I found the categorizing the characters do of people as "believers" (or not) to be really intolerant and horribly judgemental. As an "unsure" I am pretty certain which one I'd get shoved into by these women--not the sort of friends I would enjoy having. The narrator faces no real adversity, yet cannot manage to get herself out of bed in the morning. If you are a judgmental Christian conservative this book might be for you.

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### **Michele says**

A quick, light story for those you need something like that.

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## **Jo says**

Love the quote from page 79... What would my life look like if I started to love extravagantly?.... The message rings beautifully throughout the book... Love God and love people. Not one or the other. It has to be both!

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## **Ellen says**

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. Thank you Robin Jones Gunn for creating a series to reach me at this age and stage of my life! Reading these books are like "chicken soup for MY soul." Each one leaves me with a renewed appreciation for the friends and family I hold dear and offers me something to meditate on and pray about. As I went with the Sisterchicks to New Zealand and Australia, I found myself earnestly praying for openness. All too often I am closed off and missing out on the blessings that come to someone who is open to others.

Uprooting from her southern California life, Kathy goes to New Zealand with her film-industry husband for three months. Nothing is how she expected and she falls into depression, intending to simply cocoon until their three month stay is up. Loneliness is her sole companion while he's working long hours at the studio. It's a miserable time. Finally, she can't take it anymore and ventures out. One very huge blessing comes in the form of a new best friend, Jill. Jill is a young widow who has had a hard time healing over the last two years. In what can only be described as a precious divine gift, the two women share a time of growth and healing that only sisters in faith experience. Packed with signature Sisterchick humor, this volume will not disappoint fans of the series.

Only one caveat: Koalas are not cute and cuddly. Although I'm sure the touristy place the girls went to had a domesticated one, but you'd think the Aussies would have mentioned the rather vicious nature of these adorable little guys in the wild.

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## **Lydia Granger says**

Kathleen joins her husband in New Zealand for a three month stay as he works on editing a film job. She is bored to the bones. Lives in a garage apartment with a hot plate and dorm size refrigerator. She is in tears until she meets Jill at the local cafe. They quickly become Sisterchicks. Jill fills in Kathleen's lonely days with trips around the area, including Australia. While Kathleen helps Jill heal her heart and soul from the tragic death of her husband. Not as funny as some of the other SC books, but good reading.

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## **Kathy says**

A fun, easy read.

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## **Angie says**

This one was great and made want to travel to New Zealand!

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## **Kate Valley says**

#2 fav of mine within the sisterchicks series.

I love the ease of the sisterchicks relationship and the details of their simple days.

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## **Maria Elmvang says**

Mum bought this while in NZ and recommended it to me when she came home. It's the first Sisterchicks book I've read, but from what I've heard other people say, it's quite different from her other books, in that the women don't know each other prior to this book. Anyway, I loved it! A foreigner's view on New Zealand - hilarious! Especially since there were so many things I could recognize in it. Oh, and I got quite a thrill when they started talking about NZ slang, and I actually understood every word of it! :-D



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**LeAnne says**

When Kathleen is pushed out of her comfort zone by her husband's career opportunity, she finds that God has a special friendship in store for her. The chatty intimate writing style sounds like your best friend telling you all about her three months in New Zealand. Women who enjoy lattes and shopping will identify with the characters. Those who have traveled to New Zealand or Australia will be nodding in amused appreciation of Gunn's cultural allusions.

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