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Teens across the nation have made this series from Robin Jones Gunn a bestseller! Readers can find out for themselves why the series is so popular as they, too, become friends with Christy Miller. She becomes the perfect role model for today's teens by making a commitment to Christ in the first book and then growing in her walk with the Lord in the next eleven books. Throughout the series, Christy learns about friendships, dating, becoming responsible, waiting on God, being faithful, and God's rewards for obedience.

## **Sweet Dreams Details**

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## **From Reader Review Sweet Dreams for online ebook**

### **Claire says**

This is the third time I've read this series beginning to end, and it took me just about an hour and a half to read this book!! This one is my favourite, the most emotional, sweet and completely unexpected book of the series, in my opinion. I still tear up when I get to the last few chapters.... it's just so good.

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### **Marcia says**

Mmmm, just a 6. I suppose because I don't like the main character.

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### **Aly says**

its great

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### **Sarah says**

A fantastic story that any romance lover would want to read.

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### **Cheyenne Colby says**

I thought Sweet Dreams by Robin Jones Gunn was a fantastic book! There are 12 books in this series and I feel the same way about all of them, I couldnt put anyone of these books down. I liked this book because not only could I relate this book to my life, but these books are about holding up youre morals and becoming closer to God, which really inspired me.

I can relate this to my life really well because its not just some fantasy love story. This story is about a teenage girl going though everyday teenage problems and alot of her problems are some that I have actually had. And its not just some girl going through life with all her problems, she becomes closer to God, and asks for his help through it.

I would defiantly recommend this book to a friend, but I do think it matters who this friend is. I think it would be very eye opening for everyone to read but i dont think its for everybody. If youre not into the God thing, its not for you, and if youre younger its probably not the best book for you either. I think its more for teenagers, I think thats who this book is relating to. I do think this book is very inspirational, and eye opening though, and think everyone should have a look at it!

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### **Laura says**

I was so proud of Christy after this book. I don't know if I could have trusted God like she did. I think it's a great book for teenage girls to read. Very encouraging.

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### **Laura says**

I am always interested in seeing what Christy Miller will have thrown into her life next. And I must admit that I kind of "tore" through this series because they were so short and I wanted to see how everything would turn out in the end.

\*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2008...>

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### **Rachel says**

LOVE this one!!!! Love the cover too.

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### **Rose says**

Just when you think Christy and Todd are officially together Gunn throws a wrench in the story by ending their relationship. I can't wait to read the last book in series to see how everything comes together for Christy as well as the next series that continues Christy's and Todd's story. Gunn does a wonderful job in describing in detail the happenings of a young girl's heart.

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### **Alexa says**

Great book like all the rest! Every time I Miller book, I read a Christy Miller book, I feel like I learn something. Love this series!

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### **Diana says**

One of the few books that I HAVE to immediately pick up the next, even though I know how it all ends.

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### **Carmen says**

wonderful , wonderful, wonderful!! Made me cry!!

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## Claire Davis says

This book made me want to throw it over the earth and to Neptune. I feel in love with the characters even more. Some of the guys though, I wanted to throw them out of the book FOREVER... can't WAIT to see what happens...

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## Carmen says

Book 11 of the Christy Miller series.

Alright. I do NOT read these books just to write scathing reviews of them. Actually, the truth is that I've gotten attached to Christy Miller. And after 11 books, how could I not? She's so sweet, and tries to be such a good person and INSISTS on dating Todd, a guy who is obsessed with God.

Is being obsessed with God a bad thing? This book is trying to say that Todd is the perfect Christian man and that Christy is blessed to have him. He does the following:

Spends dates with her family members instead of her.

Lectures her about the Bible.

Lectures her about God.

Shows up late for dates.

Shows up for dates with other people in tow (again, pointing to the "I'm afraid to be alone with you" feeling that I'm getting from him.)

Lectures her about how easy it is for men to fall into temptation and how she's different from the other girls because she's so modest, and not a tease.

Lectures her about how females making the first move is slutty. Of course, he doesn't use the word 'slutty,' but that's what he means. As a result, Christy's so afraid of offending him that she won't even hold his hand unless he grabs it.

What a prince, huh?

There's a super-romantic scene at the end where Todd and Christy are on the beach, and Todd is saying all these romantic things to Christy and she has this overwhelming urge to tell him that she loves him. But she doesn't. Why? Is she afraid that he won't say it back? Is she afraid that he doesn't really love her. NO. She's afraid it will be too slutty and forward and not letting him be the one in control. DISGUSTING, the way he has her trained in this book to think affection and touching are dirty and wrong, especially when a female does it.

This book is more about Katie and Michael. Katie is Christy's best friend and she's been dating Michael for six months. She's been doing what my friends call "flirt to convert," hoping that by becoming Girlfriend, she could turn him Christian.

Of course, Michael is Christian. He believes in God, and that Jesus is the son of God. He thinks Christianity is "the right path." But he's not born-again. And in this book, if you're not born-again, you're going to hell.

Here's an excerpt:

*"God wants me to break up with Michael," Katie blurted out. .... And I've been disobeying God...I've known it for a couple of weeks now. All along I've been praying that Michael would surrender to the Lord. I thought that's why God brought him into my life, for me to show him how to become a Christian. And I've tried. Believe me! The six and a half months we've been together I've talked to him, given him books to read, taken him to Bible studies, introduced him to other Christians. And you know how I gave him that Bible for Christmas? ... He just won't believe. it's not that he can't believe in Christianity is the right way or that he doesn't believe in God, because he does. It's that he won't surrender his life to Christ. ... I told God that if He wanted me to break up with Michael, I would. And then God told me to break up with him. Don't ask me how I know. Michael wanted to know how God talks to me. I can't explain it. It's just that deep inside my heart I know what the Holy Spirit is telling me."*

So Katie breaks up with Michael. And the book is mainly about her trying to heal her broken heart and Christy learning how to deal with a friend who's in extreme pain because she's left the man she loves. And I mean, Katie seriously loves Michael. It's really sad.

On the Fred front: Fred is the yearbook creeper who's been stalking Christy. This is his second book following her around, not taking 'no' for an answer, disregarding the fact that she has a boyfriend, and repeatedly asking her to prom. In this book he finds out what church she attends and starts going there. Then he "surrenders his life to Jesus." I have no idea if he really has an interest in Christianity or if she's just hoping Christy will agree to a date. At the end, (view spoiler)

Regarding prom. Like most teenage girls, Christy would like to attend prom. But when she talks to Todd about it, this is what he says:

*"It's a poor imitation of the real thing."  
"What?" Christy asked, not following him.  
"it's like pretending you're at the wedding feast. It's a poor imitation of the real thing. ... You see, I think that what every human soul longs for, whether that person knows it or not, is to be at the marriage feast of the Lamb," Todd explained.  
"You lost me," Christy said.  
"Christy, you know when this world comes to an end and we all stand before God, He's going to bring all those who He's prepared to be the bride of Christ - the church - into the marriage feast, where the believers and Christ will be united forever. It's going to be the biggest, wildest party ever. ... So deep within the heart of every person is the desire to be invited, to be dressed like royalty and treated the same, and to be included in the celebration. Something like a prom is a hollow imitation of the real thing you and I will experience one day."*

Wow. Way to piss all over Christy's innocent little desire to go to prom, Todd. You putz. To Christy's credit, she gives him a little resistance. And she idly wonders if the rest of her life is going to be this way - Todd always thinking of God and not her, Todd always worrying about God's feelings more than hers. But she pushes it from her mind.

Wanting to go to prom is not a sin. Wanting to see your boyfriend in a tuxedo and dance with him and dress up and feel fancy for one night IS NOT WRONG. This is my main problem with Todd: Christy tells him how she feels about something or about her desire to do something (go to prom, kiss him, hold hands with him, go on a date where it's just the two of them), and he tells her why her desires are wrong and sinful. SHE ALWAYS ENDS UP FOLDING. He wins every time. And this is because he's the man, he guides the relationship, and it's his job to teach women what God really wants.

(view spoiler)

Also, does anyone else think it's strange that Todd calls God "Papa?" o.O I know he grew up with a father who was barely around, but this seems like an extreme bit of transference to me.

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### **Francis says**

These books just get better and better. I love them :)  
This one was sad though:(

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### **Emily says**

This book was kinda sad. I can't wait to find out what happens next.

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### **Abi says**

This book was wonderful! Katie decides to break up with Michael, which I was SOOOO HAAPPYY about!!! She feels she is in love with him, and always will be, so she's struggling a bit. Christy is learning how to help her in this situation.

Chapter 9, titled "Sweet Dreams," was my favorite chapter in the book. Christy gets sick, and her mom cares for her. Her mom sets up a bath, brings drinks to her, cleans her room, washes her sheets, makes her bed, and makes sure Christy's room is smelling fresh. I thought it was SO SWEET. I loved seeing their mother-daughter relationship. Todd showed up, too! Here is one of my favorite scenes from the chapter:

"...Besides," [Todd's] voice turned serious, "what I feel for Christy is above and beyond the call of friendship."

I loved that part!

Christy was SO BRAVE. She decides to tell Todd to go on his mission trip, knowing very well he may never come back. This time, Todd's the one who doesn't know what to do, and Christy's the one giving him advice. I can't wait to see what happens in the next book.

You may be wondering why I rated this book only three stars.

Just... read this piece of the last page.

"I appreciate you being here for me, especially tonight. You're a very special friend."

"A very special friend," Doug muttered. "Just friends."

"What?" Christy asked, not sure she had heard what he said.

Doug turned off the engine. "Nothing," he said.

ARG ARG ARGGGGG!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I can't believe Doug, that is so unlike him. Now, what will happen when Todd comes back?? He will be so mad at Doug. I really, really hope Christy doesn't give up on Todd, and start dating Doug.

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### **Jerry says**

See my review of the entire series at:  
<http://rwlreviews.blogspot.com/2013/0...>

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### **Lydia Dyslin says**

Sweet Dreams by Robin Jones Gunn is the eleventh book in the Christy Miller series.

Okay, I was anticipating this. This book is so sweet and fuzzy and heartwarming, but also so sad. But it makes you sad in a happy way. You're thinking *Why does this have to happen. Why are you doing this to me Robin Jones Gunn* but at the same time it's like *OH MY GOSH THE SHIP HAS SAILED* \*queue fangirly screaming\*

Like nearly every Christy Miller book, I loved the message in this one. To be a good friend it's sometimes best to hang on, and sometimes it's best to just let go.

I love Todd and Christy, but one thing I would love to see is some faults in Todd. He's made some mistakes, of course, but he is pretty much the perfect boyfriend. Nobody can be that perfect, not even Todd Spencer. (Although in the later books, like in The College Years series he does seem a little more real.)

What really got to me was this part right here: (view spoiler) That quote ALWAYS gets to me. It makes MY heart soar but at the same time I just want to throw myself on my bed and cry because WHY TODD NEVER DID ANYTHING TO HURT ANYBODY. on purpose.

Um. Sorry this wasn't such a collected, calm review but this book doesn't deserve a calm review IT DESERVES A FANGIRLY REVIEW WITH LOTS OF CAPITAL LETTERS. :D

5 stars out of 5.

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### **Amanda J says**

Read this christian books series as a tween. High school drama with an emphasis on the characters'



relationship with Christ.

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