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The only life Lydia has ever known is the one her mother created for the two of them within a small mountain valley in the Sierra Nevada Foothills. Mama manages to keep the outside world, which she claims is not a part of God's plan for their lives, a secret for nearly seventeen years, until Lydia happens upon a young man in the forest. This man tells her his family owns a vineyard on the other side of the mountain, and he promises to find out the truth behind her isolated life. While Lydia begins to find herself torn between loyalties to a mother she loves dearly and a God she no longer understands, a tragedy thrusts her into a world full of people, places, and passions she never dreamed possible. She ultimately believes truth will give her the freedom to move on, but will Lydia learn to love God and accept His calling on her life before the world captivates her heart and soul?

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Christina says

No Eye Has Seen: Beyond the Valley is the first novel by Roanne King and hopefully not the last. The title barely describes what lies beyond the sheltered life of the young Lydia. This is a story of much more than self-discovery, well-crafted prose, romance and historical fiction. More importantly, is the underlying message clearly illustrating the differences between healthy doses of faith and extreme parenting in the name of faith; the latter which can result in future handicapped adult children living in a world beyond protection.

Steeped in the waning years of Nevada County's gold mining history, readers are propelled into the journey of Lydia and her mother's own mysterious family history. All the while, King's perfect pace keeps us engaged, surprised and satisfied up to the very end; even as we wish the sequel were in hand.

Terry Houchin says

No Eye Has Seen Beyond the Valley, book 1, by Roanne King

Roxanne is a writer friend I have never met. She lives in California and I live in Texas. We both belong to a wonderful writing group, 10 Minute Novelists. We would chat in google hangouts while she was writing this book. I eagerly awaited it's release and was so excited when it arrived on my doorstep. I read half of it while on a trip to Houston to visit my son and his family. I had to put it aside once I got home as I had two other books waiting for me. These I had agreed to read and get reviews posted by a certain date, so they had to come first. Yesterday I finished Beyond the Valley. I loved this book!

The premise of this book is unique. A seventeen year old girl who lives in a valley in the foothills of Sierra Nevada, with her mother. She has never seen another person. She only knows what she has seen with her own eyes and what her mother has told her. Lydia's world is radically about to change. While sitting beside a pond one day, Lydia sees a young man ride up on a horse. He tells her that his family has a vineyard just on the other side of the mountain. He tells her there is a town full of people not far from his home. He promises to see what he can find out about her family and why her mother would want to keep them isolated all this time.

Of course Lydia has many questions for her mother, but agrees to not confront her mother until she gets some answers from Dylan. Disaster strikes before Dylan can gather much information.

The rest of the story is about Lydia's faith on her journey of discovery. Can she learn to not lean on her own understandings or on other people, but on God?

This book is beautifully written. It has a plot that keeps pulling you along. You have to find out what happen next. You will not want to put it down.

I classified it as Christian fiction, but because it is set just after the gold rush in California, it could be considered Historical fiction also. Either way it is a wonderful story I'm sure you will enjoy.

Sara Hery says

From the very beginning it intrigued me and kept me going on every page. It grips your heart and draws you into imagining a life not knowing others existed! The plot turns when Lydia is then thrown into that unknown world from death to marriage. Beautifully written, I couldn't put it down. I can't wait for book 2HURRY UP!
