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Author Molly Evangeline is a recent home school graduate who loves to journal, sew historical costumes, and go horseback riding and hiking in the woods along the river in Wisconsin where she lives with her parents and two younger brothers. She has enjoyed writing since she was eight years old.

The Pirate Daughter's Promise Details

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Jesseca Wheaton says

While it took me a little while to get into the story, once I actually got into it, it was amazing! I don't read many books about pirates, so it was quite fascinating to read one from a Christian perspective. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I can't wait to read more books by Molly Evangeline!! :)

Shantelle says

I find that I just really like Molly Evangeline/Jaye L. Knight's writings. I read first her Makilien series, then *Resistance*, the first book for her new fantasy series. And now I just finally finished the first book, *The Pirate Daughter's Promise*, in her historical series. I really enjoyed it, even with it being her first published book, and perhaps not as polished and perfected as her others.

The Pirate Daughter's Promise was a sweet, exciting adventure with a deep faith theme, tender romances, and little mysterious mixed in. Pirates abound, dangerous ports are visited, fantastic ships sail the seas. Skye is a lovely young woman of eighteen years who has lived at the orphanage since her beloved, former pirate father was hung. She works hard in exchange for a roof over her head; and is sometimes treated cruelly by the orphanage owners, and her wealthy grandfather, who refuses to acknowledge her existence. The thing that holds her together is her faith in God, and also His gift to her in the person of William. But Skye's fairly predictable life is about to change forever. A massive treasure is sought. A kidnapping ensues. An old pirate friend is found. An unimaginable secret is about to be uncovered.

I liked the range of characters. From Skye, to Will, to Matthew, to Kate. There's always secondary characters that tug at your heart in Molly's books! :) I also like the pirates theme, which is softened by faith. This book somewhat reminds me of Marylu Tyndall's swashbuckling pirate stories! Although, *The Pirate Daughter's Promise* is definitely written for a younger audience. It was completely enjoyable. —Nothing nagged at me or made me feel the least bit uncomfortable.

So... I read the version with a more plain cover, brown tones and a ship on the sea. It was published through Pleasant Words I think. The paperback I ended up reading was slightly different than the Kindle version I had started with... So I think Molly Evangeline updated *The Pirate Daughter's Promise*, but I ended up reading the old version. Yeah... this is probably confusing. Just read the version published through CreateSpace, and I think you'll get the updated version! :)

Anyway, I lovely story overall. I am excited to read the next book in this series, *Every Tear*, and all the others! :)

Faith says

You know a book is good when you stay up until after midnight to finish it. Yep. That's what I did with this one! So good, so rich in adventure, action, and sweet romance – it was nearly impossible to put this gem

down!

From the very beginning, I was hooked. And I'll go ahead and admit that this one made me cry. (The prologue, chapter 16, chapter 19...oh, yeah. :()

Skye, Will and Matthew are great, sweet characters and I just love them all! Kate and John, too, and they made me laugh several times.

Francis Kelley made me shudder. He's SO AWFUL!!! His character (all of them really) is very well written and well developed, I believe. :)

There were several great twists in the story, and I didn't expect any of them! I loved that. :) Then that...discovery? at the ending...wowser! I've still got all the good fangirl-y feels from this book. xD

I enjoyed this book very much! It's definitely a favorite and always will be. :) I hope to soon read more by this amazingly talented author! :D

Kendra Ardnek says

After reading and reviewing the first two books of Molly's fantasy trilogy, I offered to read and review her Historical Fiction as well.

The Pirate Daughter's Promise was Molly's first book, so I knew that to have the same high expectations I had gleaned from Makilien would be unreasonable. Pirates aren't my usual forte, but I do enjoy good historical fiction, so I was willing to give it a go.

The prologue was somewhat hard to get into, but I knew to expect that from reading other reviews. Once I got past the prologue, it was a whirlwind of a book that twisted and turned and kept me guessing. I was never able to guess what would happen to Skye – all I knew was that somehow she and Will would somehow come through in the end (and that only from reading the description of the second book). My biggest complaint in that area is that the twists felt, at times, contrived. They were too out of the blue. They made sense after they were explained ... but ... still ...

While reading the book, I couldn't help but compare Skye to Makilien. On the whole, I think I preferred Skye as a main character and as a person in general. She seemed more human to me – more of a woman. She was already a good fighter at the beginning of the book, but it made sense because she spent her first seven years of her life on the open sea, and the village weapon smith – who is pretty much her only friend beyond Will – helped her keep her skills up. Not only that, her years in the orphanage had softened her. Her name bothered me as out of place for the era, but I got used to it. It suited her.

Normally pirates and faith don't mix – but it did for this book. The pirates aren't the good guys. Skye's father, though he had been a pirate, repented of his crimes. His treasure was amassed of the rewards he had gotten for recapturing and returning what pirates had stolen from others.

However, due to his pirate past, he was arrested and put in prison. Then punished the way all pirates ought to be punished: hanging. Skye was only seven. The last time she saw him he extracted from her a promise to never tell anyone where the treasure is hidden. Until she's eighteen, the promise is easy. She's in an orphanage, and there's no one who wants to know, and even those she is close to would not be able to help her get the treasure. Telling would be pointless, and possibly dangerous.

But then the man that had been her father's captain during his pirate days appears and kidnaps her. And his

goal isn't exactly a pleasure cruise. He's got his heart set on that treasure, you see, and she's the only one who knows where it is hidden.

This is a beautiful story, though it was a tad bit rough around the edges. I recommend it just as highly as I do her Fantasy trilogy. I'm eager to read the rest of the series once I finish with the last book of her trilogy.

Leanne says

Becoming an orphan at a young age was very hard for Skylar McHenry. She was treated more like a servant and shunned by almost everyone because she was a pirate's daughter. But even through a hard life Skye never lost hope in relying on her heavenly Father's care, and her friendship with Will. Who was a dear friend that she grew up with.

But just when things start looking like they may get better, her world falls apart. One night the town is attacked with blasts from a ship's cannon. And before Skye knows what is going on the pirates break into the orphanage... to get only her. After being taken to their ship she discovers what they are after. The cruel captain wants the location of the treasure hidden by her father. But telling him where it is would be breaking the last promise she made to her father. But when the lives of the people dearest to her are threatened she must do something.

The Pirate Daughter's Promise is a wonderfully done book. When you think of books that have a message of faith in them pirate stories are probably not the first kind you think about. But that is exactly what Molly Evangeline wrote. And I really enjoyed it! She worked the faith part into the story very nicely. And I really liked the way you could see the characters' faith at work, instead of only hearing them talk about it.

Yet at the same time the pirates were very realistic. There were some very exciting scenes, and all of the places the characters went felt very real. And there were some amazing surprises along the way that I never seen coming! This was a great book and I would love to read more stories from this author!

I received this book free from the author, Molly Evangeline, for my honest review. The opinions are my own.

Sarah says

How far would you go to keep a promise? Skyler McHenry is faced with this question in the thrilling high seas adventure by Molly Evangeline.

When Molly agreed to do an interview for Homeschool authors, I went to her website to do some research. When I saw that The Pirate Daughter's Promise was only 99 cents, I decided to buy it. I am so glad I did.

From the gripping opening to the final, touching page, I was enthralled with Skyler's story. Orphaned and with only two friends in the world, Skyler leads a hard life. She keeps a secret her father had made her promise not to reveal until she finds someone who loves her and she trusts completely. A secret concerning a hidden pirate treasure.

I was skeptical when I began this book, as I have never really liked pirate stories. As a lover of history, I had learned too much about pirates to ever think of them as good guys in films or books. I was delightfully surprised at this book. This was not about a “Christian” pirate, nor was piracy shown as acceptable. The good captain and his crew hunt pirates and return the stolen goods.

I loved the faith and morals displayed in *The Pirate Daughter's Promise*. Prayer not only is a normal part of life, it works. The romance will stand up to the highest moral standards. This book is very wholesome and refreshing.

If you are looking for a book full of adventure that is faith building, *The Pirate Daughter's Promise* is a wonderful choice.

Aubrey Hansen says

At long last, I'm finally getting around to reading Molly's books! I've been in Molly's circles for some time now and have long been impressed with what she has done with her self-publishing career. But being the ditz that I am, it's taken me forever to actually sit down and *read* her books, even though I've purchased all of them! For shame!

At any rate, first on the agenda is *The Pirate Daughter's Promise*, which is her first book if I am not mistaken. For that reason, it is hard to review. Knowing that she has written 7+ more books after this makes me wonder how she has developed her style and skill. I personally found the writing style too direct (on the nose for those who speak film geek) and the plot somewhat contrived for my tastes--but I also wonder if it might be perfect for a middle-grade audience. The book includes some pirate violence, but it is extremely clean and chaste. Combined with the easier writing style, it might make a great read for middle graders graduating into longer chapter books.

Irregardless, I will be reading the rest of Molly's (also known as Jaye L. Knight) books and eagerly following her career. What this young lady has done is truly impressive, and one day I hope to have a library of published works as big as hers.

Jessica says

I received this book (and the rest of the series) as a birthday present from a friend. To be honest, I both loved and hated this book. In terms of the characters especially, I really enjoyed following them on their journey and learning new things about them. I loved the Authors writing, aside from her excessive use of the word "Finally" and the way she wove Christian values throughout the book was wonderful.

The one thing I didn't like was the similarities with the "Pirates of the Caribbean" Disney movies. Some of the similarities included the main character Skye being kidnapped by pirates after a raid on the port she lived in, the male hero she liked being named William (will), a trip to Tortuga, and being marooned on an island. Some of the similarities I was able to overlook but I felt a bit disappointed. I opened up the book expecting to find a unique, Christian pirate book that would have me surprised and thrilled at every turn and I ended up feeling a bit of disappointment at how alike the plot was with the disney movies.

I kept reading hoping that it was just a few unintended similarities but they kept popping up. It wasn't until halfway through the book that the plotline took a turn. After that, I really enjoyed myself. The ending was especially good and I can't wait to read the next book. Aside from those few little things, I really liked this book and the Authors writing style.

If I could have, I would have rated it more as a 4.4 but I wasn't allowed to take off half a star. I was a bit irked by the similarities with the movies as I said, but I loved everything else. (especially the characters) If I hadn't seen the movies, I know I would have loved this book and easily given it five stars without a second thought.

I'm apprehensively going to move on to the second book and am hoping that it will prove to be a more unique, and have a surprising plotline.

As a side note to the author, who I know is on goodreads and probably looks over her reviews...

"From one writer to another, fear not, I'm still a fan. I like your writing itself, and the story, I was just hoping for a bit more creativity. Keep up the good work and thank you for writing a Christ-centered action book. I think this is something my brothers will enjoy reading also!"

Bailey Marissa says

Ok, so I don't understand all the complaints on the Amazon reviews. I see the slight Mary Sue tendencies and the odd POV changes, but it was Ms. Evangeline's first book.

Also, it says Young Adult, but it could almost pass as a Middle Grade book.

11/12+ for pirateness and some violence (never graphic).

Mikayla says

There was so many things I liked about this book, Skye, Will, the awesome adventure, and the strong faith message. There were just a couple of things I didn't enjoy as much. 1. Skye wearing pants. Early 1700's? Would not have happened. Period. I understand that there might have been girls back then that didn't love dresses, but most of them probably wouldn't have thought about going out in pants, it was horrifying. Plus, if you've been raised in skirts, like Skye would have been, you probably don't even care for pants. (view spoiler)

Addyson Huneke says

The Pirate Daughter's Promise by Molly Evangeline is a good, clean, Christian book that is about pirates. Unlike most stories about pirates, it does not paint the pirates as the good guys. I liked this. It is refreshing to read a book with high-sea adventure, pirates, and action where the bad is not glorified as good. The book

also had some romance, but it was clean and God-honoring romance, which was also refreshing.

Writing: 4/5

The writing in this book was fairly well done. There wasn't anything to detract from the story, but it wasn't as good as later books show this author can be. The words flowed well, and there was no unnecessary wordiness or too-flowery description (that I can remember). There were a few typographical errors, but that is to be expected in any book.

Setting: 5/5

This book was set in the early 1700s in the Caribbean Sea. The setting was believable, and the author obviously did her research. The majority of the story was on board various ships. The setting was well-done and consistent, and enough was left to the reader's imagination to satisfy the most imaginative reader.

Plot: 5/5

The plot. Wonderful. Exciting. And mainly character-driven. It was original, there was some action, and the pirates weren't the good guys! (Can I emphasize how much I loved that little bit?) The plot didn't seem to drag, it didn't seem forced, and while a teeny bit predictable, still very enjoyable.

Character Development: 5/5

The character development was also well-done. They were easy to get into and the emotions were strong. The more minor characters had their own stories, and all of the supporting cast was well-rounded and not flat. The good characters were a little too good, but I enjoyed them anyways. Over all, the characters were well done.

I enjoyed this book very much. It is a good size, not too long for younger readers, and well-formatted. This book would be good to read by yourself or as a family. I highly recommend this book to readers of all ages.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #1 in the “*Pirates and Faith*” series.

Spiritual Content- Psalm 9:9-10 at the beginning; Many, many, many prayers; Very Strong Faiths; Witnessing; Bible reading; A couple Scriptures are read; Many, many talks about God, His plans & trusting Him; 'H's are capital when referring to God; Many, many mentions of prayers; Many mentions of Bibles, Bible reading & studying the Bible; Many mentions of cross necklaces; Mentions of church going; Mentions of miraculous;

*Note: A couple mentions of the devil himself; A couple mentions of a ship called the ‘Sea Devil’.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: an 'idiot' and a 'stupid'; Mentions of curses (said, not written); A bit of sarcasm; A Kidnapping along with Pain, Blood, Being Slapped & Whipped (semi-detailed); Fighting & Swords (semi-detailed); Threats; Mentions of whippings, being tied, hit, beaten, lashes, wounds & blood (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of hangings, executions, murders, killings & being left to die (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of guns that were aimed & those who were shot; Mentions of slaves; Mentions of taverns, drunks, drinking & rum; A couple mentions of suicide missions; A mention of skeletons.

Sexual Content- A bit of Noticing; Blushes; Mentions of love & feelings; Mentions of bar girls & unwanted attention; Declaring love for another.

-Skylar McHenry, age 18

P.O.V. switches between Skylar, Daniel, Will & a few others

Set in 1713 (Prologue set in 1702)

240 pages

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### Pre Teens- One Star

**New Teens- One Star (and a half)**

## Early High School Teens- Three Stars

## Older High School Teens- Four Stars

**My personal Rating- Three Stars (and a half)**

Hmmm! I loved Skye & Will's strong faiths in this novel...lots of Spiritual Content which was so refreshing. Being a pirate book, I wasn't sure what to expect Spiritual Content wise, but I was pleasantly surprised. The overall romance was very clean, and the great faiths were a big plus! The writing was well done, though some parts did seem a bit forced or stiff. I teared up at the prologue and that ending was great. In all honestly, this book could have been a stand-alone book, since everything wraps up every well, but you won't hear me complaining as I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the series. Skye & Will are so cute together!

Link to review:

<http://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot...>

\*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

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### **Rachel Melton says**

I was happy to read this book. It was refreshing to say the least - a nice change of pace from my normal reading list. Since I read all the books at home and (most) all of the books in the children's section at the local library, I was forced to "upgrade" to the Young Adult section. Unfortunately, those books aren't as clean as I'd like, so I dropped them and resorted to a few books here and there. This however, was an interesting tale. Action, pirates, sub plots all-woven-intricately-into-the story, fair damsel in distress, handsome young guy to rescue her. It was classic, although probably geared for slightly younger readers. Nonetheless, I still enjoyed it.

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### **Bruce Judisch says**

A delightful tale of high seas adventure, faith and perseverance, and a young girl's steadfast honor for her earthly father and love for her Heavenly Father.

Orphaned at a young age, Skye McHenry's life seems destined to drudgery and hopelessness, but for the love and care of a boy, Will James, also orphaned. Her life takes a drastic turn when she is kidnapped from the orphanage by the merciless pirate, Francis Kelley, for the knowledge she possesses of a hidden treasure. Kelley will stop at nothing to wrench the secret from Skye—and Skye is equally determined to resist Kelley's tortures, for there is a promise to keep. Sail with Will, Captain John Morgan and the crew of the Good Fortune as they pursue the infamous Kelley in a quest to rescue Skye. Turn after turn, twist after twist await you until the final showdown between Will and Kelley, when the most unexpected twist of all bursts onto the scene. And through it all, God's overriding faithfulness and protection over His loved ones endure.

Classically narrated, The Pirate Daughter's Promise is an ideal book for extended family reading. Cluster the kids on the bed and transport them to a time when pirates ruled the seas, but not the hearts of men—or the heart of a young woman. They'll hang on every word as Ms. Evangeline takes them from storm-ridden seas to sun-baked deserted islands, dingy orphanages to wealthy mansions, and the depths of man's greed to the heights of God's grace. Your only problem will be settling their protests when it comes time to close the cover for another evening.

Molly Evangeline is a recent home-school graduate who has been writing since she was eight years old. This is her debut novel—but you can bet it won't be her last.

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## **Sarah Grace Grzy says**

Wow! Despite the fact that the story dragged on somewhat, the characters were shallow, and the writing was somewhat amateurish, it DID have one doozy of a plot twist! That my friends, was a plot twist to end all plot twists! Goodness! I literally stopped breathing for nearly 30 seconds.

All that being said, this was an okay book, I probably won't read it again, and I probably will check out the next book in the series.

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