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And, oh, what a surprise awaits them when they return home!

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### **Tari says**

Absolutely wonderful. I feel like I just traveled through Oxford and London with some dear friends. Robin Jones Gunn is so talented.

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### **Liz says**

I love Robin Jones Gunn's books. This one is more for middle age women like me, although I like reading her other series as well. i felt like I was on their adventures with them.

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### **Laura Schrillo says**

Found this book while searching for Elizabeth Goudge in the library. So glad I did. What a fun book! The back cover says it is the story two midlife mama's headed to England. Each step of the journey lined with evidence of God's gracious compassion. I feel I must find the first book and read this quirky series.

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### **Keri says**

As usual I love anything and everything written by Robin Jones Gunn. She is a great Christian writer and I love how the Sisterchicks series weaves friendship, travel and God's workings in our lives together so seamlessly. If you've never read any of her work, please try any of it. The Sierra Jensen series is more for pre-teens, Christy Miller & Katie Weldon series are for teenagers and college-age (though I still love them as I first read them at that age and they still remain great reads), the Glenbrooke series is for any age and the Sisterchicks series is great for any age too, though the main characters are women in their 40-60's.

This specific book was a great inspiration to visit England, follow your dreams even if they are decades old, and let God surprise you with the many ways He not only directs our paths, but also grants the wishes of our hearts. Enjoy!

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### **Rebecca Trujillo Batty says**

One of my favorite quotes of this book: "It was time to stop and smell the history of this place." Whether on a trip to a close or far away place, we all should take the time to know where we are at, in every way!

The greatest thing we can offer ourselves: "It is the gift of giving herself permission to take risks." What risks are there for each of us to take and grow from? What have we gained from our past risks taken? What

regrets for risks not taken?

We all have dreams and wishes that need fulfilling..."It seems that when a wish comes true, it's sweet and satisfying. And when it's over, that's it. But a dream is something that starts in the part of your heart where your passions lie. It doesn't go away." What are your greatest dreams and wishes, what are we all waiting for? "This Sisterchick of ours has a wish that needs fulfilling, and for better or worse, I would say you and I are her fairy godmothers."

A recurring theme throughout these great books and hopefully in each of our lives: "what I found myself believing was that God, my heavenly Father and Lord, had His hand on my life. He had a few wishes yet to come true for me."

Definition of a "sisterchicks trip": "Like a girlfriends' getaway or a best friends' adventure." I'm overdue for another one of these...when and where, Jo?! hee hee

GRAB YOUR SISTERCHICK AND GET GOING....next?

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## **Michele says**

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I absolutely LOVE this series!

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## **Tory says**

This was a nice tour around London and I liked the characters. I just wish that the author was more subtle with the religion. It seems so sudden and forced that it distracts and brings you out of the story. One minute the characters will be wandering around enjoying themselves then all of a sudden they're having deep thoughts or discussion on God and how wonderful it is that He brought them here and how happy they are to know Him. Then they'll pick up right where they left and start enjoying their trip again. It's bizarre and most times really doesn't fit. But aside from that these are enjoyable.

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### **Melissa says**

Good spiritual content, but read more like a British travelogue than a fiction tale.

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### **Melissa says**

I am an undeniable anglophile. Obviously there are many literary greats that hail from the UK (Shakespeare, Austen, Dickens, the Brontës, etc.), but it's not just the authors that leave me itching to cross the pond. I love the cranky bartenders at the pubs. I love the rolling hills in the countryside. I love the limitless new plays that cycle through the West End. I love double-decker buses, the Tate, cathedrals, day trips to sleepy villages, the Tube, Tower Bridge and posh politeness from strangers.

My Brit love boiled over when I lived in London. Instead of sating my thirst, it only cemented it. The first time I visited England I don't know if I stopped smiling the whole trip, which probably made it painfully obvious that I was a tourist. I was only 19 and I flew into Heathrow by myself. I visited a friend who was living in London and then we traveled to Bath and Stonehenge for a few days.

I flew over to Ireland and wandered through that country on the same trip. Though I passionately loved the land of Guinness, it wasn't quite the same devotion I felt for England. Two years later I managed to swing a semester in London, which made it officially my permanent home away from home.

All of that is to explain why *Sisterchicks Go Brit!*, a light read from one of my favorite authors when I was a preteen, was so much fun for me. It was a great reminder of all of the above. Gunn's characters travel to England for the first time and just like me, they are smitten. I felt like I was reading about my own experience in many parts. They did so many of the things that I (and many tourists before me) did. They shopped in Portobello Road, saw *Les Miserable*, posed with Big Ben, traveled to Oxford to visit the Eagle and the Child pub (where the Inklings hung out!). The book itself isn't life changing, it's just a sweet walk down memory lane.

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### **Bonnie says**

This was fluff and not really the kind of book I usually read, but I did like it. It brought back some memories of a bus trip to England several years back with my mother-in-law. We only had a couple of days in London and we didn't take in any plays so our experience was not that much like that of the characters in the book.

It was nice to read a book where people have unabashed faith in God. The world has become so secular that even though I am a wholehearted believer it seemed a bit strange to have characters in a modern novel

expressing faith in Christ. It shouldn't be like that - either strange to me to encounter it or strange to see it expressed in a book that isn't "about" religion.

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### **Kathy says**

It would be so easy to overlook the 'Sisterchicks' books, given their somewhat repetitive format as great friends end up in unlikely places together, but to do so would be to miss meeting such a variety of characters, some predictable and some unique! This series of books center around two great adult female friends who become traveling companions, often under surprising circumstances. If you have that best friend who can finish your sentences and provide therapy when you need it, you'll recognize yourselves in Gunn's characters. If you don't have that kind of best friend, you'll feel an immediate need to find one.

In this book, an accidental meeting results in the friends traveling to England, where they believe they'll spend a week in London, seeing all the typical tourist sites. The week takes them to 'small town, England' before they finally make it to London, but their detours are both amusing and heart-warming.

The Sisterchicks books make for great light reads, with characters that feel like friends and settings that will make you want to pack a suitcase and renew your passport. Enjoy!

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### **Katie says**

I ordered this book to read when my cousin and I took our trip to "go Brit." Delays on the part of the publisher mean I've actually got a copy in hand over a year after I've returned.

I was disappointed in this book. Gunn spent too much time making this like a frustrating travelog. Not a lot of time on the winsome character development that makes these fluffy books charming. I didn't see a lot of growth in the characters -- and their misfortunes (rather than being brought on by "chance") were brought on by the thing I personally find unsympathetic...lack of planning.

The sections on Oxford were fun ... but the London section was too frustrating!

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

#### **SERIES:**

No cliffhangers. Spinoffs.

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### **Homewood Public Library says**

In this story, Liz and Kellie have been friends for years and have been talking about dreams and wishes. Kellie's hobby is interior decorating. Liz's gift is shopping for bargains and her wish is to see Big Ben in London. Quite by chance or accident they were hired to decorate Opal's space at the retirement home. Opal is

a petite woman with spunk and is the first at the home to step out of the usual decor and make her rooms her own. Others liked it so much that they followed her lead. Rather than pay money for the job, Opal gave Kellie and Liz airline tickets to England so they could be her companions and then enjoy their visit to her homeland. While planning their trip Liz and Kellie each wrote down the top five places they most wanted to see in England. When they arrived they took Opal to her sister's House and received a big, or petite, surprise. Rose was Opal's twin who lived in a quaint house in Olney. Though the plan had been to return immediately to London, the twins convinced them to stay - for a couple days. Then they were misdirected enroute and landed in Oxford which had much to offer. It became clear that the trip which had been planned by dreams, desires and searching the Internet was being directed by God. Kellie and Liz were following His guidance and growing closer to Him while learning things about themselves and each other. When finally in London they got to their list. I don't want to tell you too much-I'll just say surprises abound up to the very end of the book for Liz, Kellie, Opal and Rose

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## **Nora St Laurent says**

QUESTION: "Do you know what the dearest kindness is that a woman can offer herself in the autumn of her years?"

ANSWER: "It is the gift of giving herself permission to take risks."

Robin Gunn goes on to explain "That's when I understood that sometimes a hibernating dream or a dormant wish might...be nudged right up to the cliff's edge of possibility... In that risk taking moment, the wish just might discover it's wings and fly." I am on the verge of such a risk taking moment. I too have a sisterchick that I have known since high school. She is the dear friend that lead me to the Lord. It has been her dream that we take a trip overseas to celebrate our birthdays (our birthdays are a couple of weeks apart). The Lord has had my friend overseas many times on mission trips. I have prayed for her and experienced many new countries and customs through her travels. I feel like I have experienced the very same thing reading this book Sisterchicks Go Brit!!! I'm right up to the cliff's edge and at that risk taking moment. I know that Robin Gunn's book has helped give our dream wings to fly.

I love when I can experience another person's travel adventure and learn about history along the way. Robin Gunn includes bonus pictures in the back of this book from her actual trip to London. She went to Bedford where the tradition of British afternoon tea was instituted by Anna, the Duchess of Bedford. Robin and her friends took high tea at the Ritz and several other places and pictures are included. This helped me to feel like I actually took this trip with Robin. I also loved that I learned so much about British literature and their authors. I'm not sure where my sisterchick and I will go on our trip but I might just consider England; it sure sounded like fun. This has made me want to check out some of Robin's other "Sister Chick" books to see where the Lord is really leading my friend and I to go. I know that the Lord is the One who has planted every dream in our hearts. If you love adventure and/or are thinking of traveling; Robin Gunn's Sister Chick books are the books for you. I know I'm hooked.

### **Disclosure of Material Connection:**

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Nora St.Laurent

### **Alyssa Tabor says**

As usual, Robin Jones Gunn gets right to the heart of the matter, but still entertains. I have savored this series slowly, because, sadly, when I read the next and final book in the series, I will have no unread Gunn novels to look forward to until she writes more. (I guess I will have to go back and reread the ones I have not reread for the umpteenth time...) This book is also special because it echoes my long held travel dream, to one day travel to England, the birthplace of many beloved stories.

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### **Kelly says**

I might just read another book in this series. Light reading, grounded in Christian faith. (But not preachy.) But I probably won't read too many of them; I just liked this one because they were in England!

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### **Meagan says**

This is probably the fourth time I've read "Sisterchicks Go Brit!", and I've enjoyed it every time. It's particularly enjoyable when I read it in prep for a trip to England!

The story is charming and the characters endearing. Their adventures are certainly LOL-worthy!

I would just want to clarify that Tolkien didn't teach at Exeter College; he studied and graduated from there, but actually taught at Merton College. Also, rather than "elfin" language, it's "elven" language. It's an important distinction in the realm of Elves!

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### **Kristin says**

This was a nice story and I very much enjoyed the travel parts of the book and how she wove in history and famous authors (CS Lewis, John Newton and others)....but, having just read Ooh La La with so much great "Soul Care" .... I missed the abundance of Sisterchick "golden nuggets" that I got out of the other book.

One character loved British lit...which I enjoy, too. She listed some books that I've not read: Shakespear's Twelfth Night, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes novel The Hound of the Baskervilles, Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre, Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights, Sir Walter Scott's poem The Lady of the Lake

I do have some favorite quotes from this book:

"He is the one who nudges us forward and invites us to trust Him." page 4



"Do you know what the dearest kindness is that a woman can offer herself in the autumn of her years? It is the gift of giving herself permission to take risks." page 2 and 242

"A great strength lies in letting go of what was past and entering what is now." page 244

Questions to ponder:

Do I have a (childhood) wish yet to come true? Am I willing to take a risk in order for my dream to unfold? (I am not in touch with a dream...but neither was one of the characters of this story, but the dream was there all along.)

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## **Margaret Chind says**

When I first picked up this book I was a little skeptical, because I'm an early twenty-something and I was unsure just how exciting a book about two best friend fifty-four year old women could be for me in particular. Well, it doesn't matter their age, the story and the message was wonderful.

The only European trip I have ever had was a five day fabulous exploration to London with my sister. It was a last minute trip (back when you could make last minute flights) and is the best vacation that she and I have ever taken. We never ventured out of London on the trip, but every minute was well worth it. Reading this book brought back many memories that had been dormant and accelerated my desire to return someday as well. (Or maybe go to Scotland to see where my adventurous sister lives now...).

Dreams and hopes are something that we all have. A wish is something that we make to help them come to light and push toward coming true. This book is about looking in yourself and finding what your dreams are, and making them work and showing you how God wants you to have all of your dreams and desires of your heart.

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