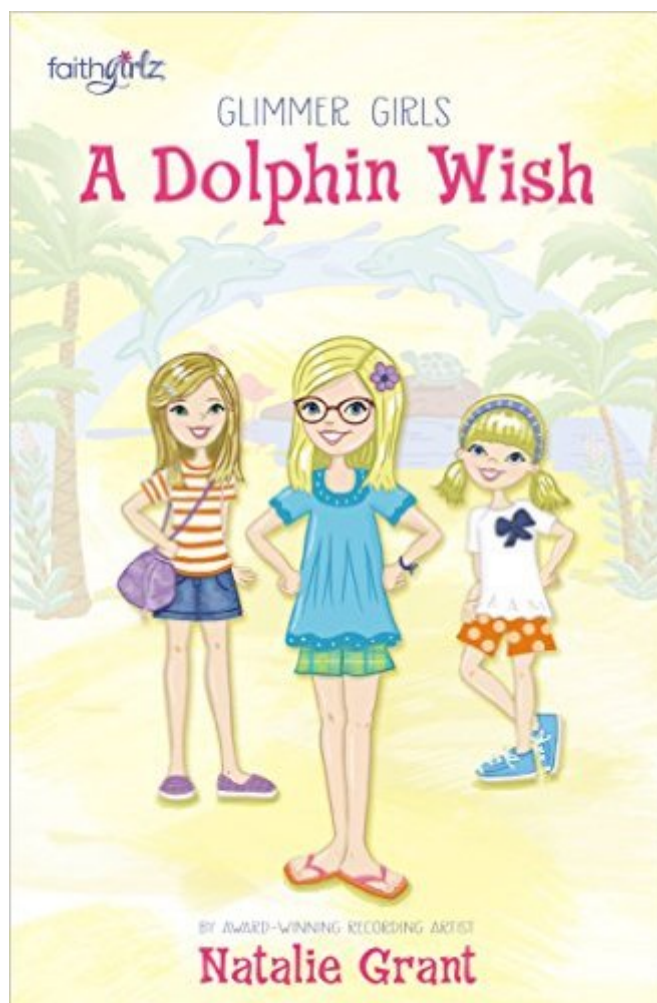


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A Dolphin Wish (Faithgirlz / Glimmer Girls)



Synopsis

Join twins Mia and Maddie and their sidekick little sister, LuLu, as they travel the country finding adventure, mystery, and sometimes mischief along the way. Together with their famous mother, singer Gloria Glimmer, and their slightly wacky nanny Miss Twist, the sisters learn lessons about being good friends, telling the truth, and a whole lot more. In *A Dolphin Wish* a three-night stop in the city of San Diego seems like it might be just the break the girls needâlovely weather and great sights to see. That is until they hear animal handlers at âWatery Worldâ talking about the trouble theyâve been having keeping the animals in their habitats. Mia and her sisters cannot resist a challenge and they talk Miss Twist into another visit to the educational amusement park to search for clues as to what or who is helping the animals escape.

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Customer Reviews

If you follow my reviews you already know that I had mixed feelings about the first book, *London Art Chase*. There was so much that I liked about the adorable sisters and their world travels. I liked all of the details about London and I appreciated the very apparent faith of the entire family. But there was that one little detail that just nagged at me. And truthfully even after the second book it still nags at me. Let me just insert here that I'm assuming that you're reading this review wanting to know

details about the book and series. The rest of my review is going to contain spoilers but I'm writing this from one momma to another in order to give you a heads up. If you don't want to know . . . stop reading now! The little detail was that TEN-YEAR-OLD Maddie snuck out of her hotel BY HERSELF and wandered the streets of LONDON chasing after a thief. Everything turned out fine in the end but I was not thrilled with the situation and then the fact that the book ended without any consequences being addressed. Fast forward to book two, A Dolphin Wish. The family has left London and flown to San Diego for a few days of rest and then a concert. They are staying in a beach house and planning their outings for the coming days. Eventually (chapter 3) the wrong doing by Maddie comes up and we find out what her punishment was. Good thing the night was dark, because Mia knew she'd made a face. It wasn't fair that Maddie had become the detective of the family. Maybe she'd solved the mystery in London, but she'd done it by breaking the rules. Her consequence for rule breaking had been no movie-watching on the flight to San Diego. To Mia, the consequence didn't seem big enough at all, especially since everyone was also treating Maddie like a hero.

I LOVE reading and reviewing children's books because my kiddos love to read just as much as I do. I was especially excited that the main focus of "A Dolphin Wish" was that the three girls Mia, Maddie and Lulu were all sisters sharing the special bond that my own girls have. "A Dolphin Wish" is actually the second book in the series, which I did not know at first. Although, I think it truly can stand alone without having read the other book first. Mia, Maddie and Lulu are on vacation in San Diego with their parents and their nanny, Miss Julia. Their mom is a famous singer so they get to travel to new and exciting places all the time! One day, while the girls are on vacation, their family visits Captain Swashbuckler's Adventure Park and find their own little mystery to solve. The only problem is that Mia wants to figure it all out on her own, because Maddie figured out the last mystery. She wants to show her sister she can be just as adventurous. But it becomes a problem when it becomes more of a competition with her sister than anything else. She admits to her mom that she has been harboring unkind feelings toward her sister since their last vacation to London, but her heart is really in the right place when she realizes why she truly wants to solve the mystery. Mia must learn to give her worries to God and let Him handle the rest. This is really a fantastic story about sisters and Mia learning that she must let God rule her decisions. I think my girls will be able to relate to these sisters on many different levels as they seem so much like my own girls. They are strong, kind, God-loving, fun individuals who really have a heart for helping other people. I would say the reading level for this book is somewhere in the age range of 8-12 year olds.

"Mia rolled her coin in her hand, and as they passed by the well, she tossed it in. Please, God, help me solve this mystery. She had no idea if God answered prayers like this one, but she had to at least try. Itâ™s for me, kind of, because I want to solve a mystery of my own, like Maddie. But itâ™s also for the animals. I donâ™t want them to be in danger."Book: A Dolphin Wish by Natalie Grant, Zonderkidz, 2016Genre: Realistic Fiction/AdventureTarget Audience: Girls 9-13Subjects: Identity, Obedience, Sibling Relationships, Parent RelationshipSummary: Something is just off. Mia has felt it ever since the trip to London when Maddie pulled her disobedience stunt to solve a mystery. Sheâ™s not quite sure who her sister is anymore. And sheâ™s kind of jealous. Maddie got praised for solving the mystery and showing courage. Maybe itâ™s time for Mia to solve her own mystery. Maybe then things will get back to normal. What could be mysterious at an Adventure Park though? Well, perhaps animals randomly escaping their pens and walking free around the park! Who on earth would risk hurting the animals by letting them out? Donâ™t they know all the dangers the animals are going to face? Mia no longer wants to solve the mystery just for herself. She wants to help protect the animals too!Notes: A Dolphin Wish is the second in the Glimmer Girls series â“ a series by music artist, Natalie Grant. She writes a story comparable to her own life â“ 3 daughters, the oldest two twins, a singer mom, a producer dad. The strength of the story is in the way the family lives out their faith, making it a party of everything they do. It shows young girls asking the kinds of questions girls do at that age and parents giving them the answers they need, directing them to the right source.

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