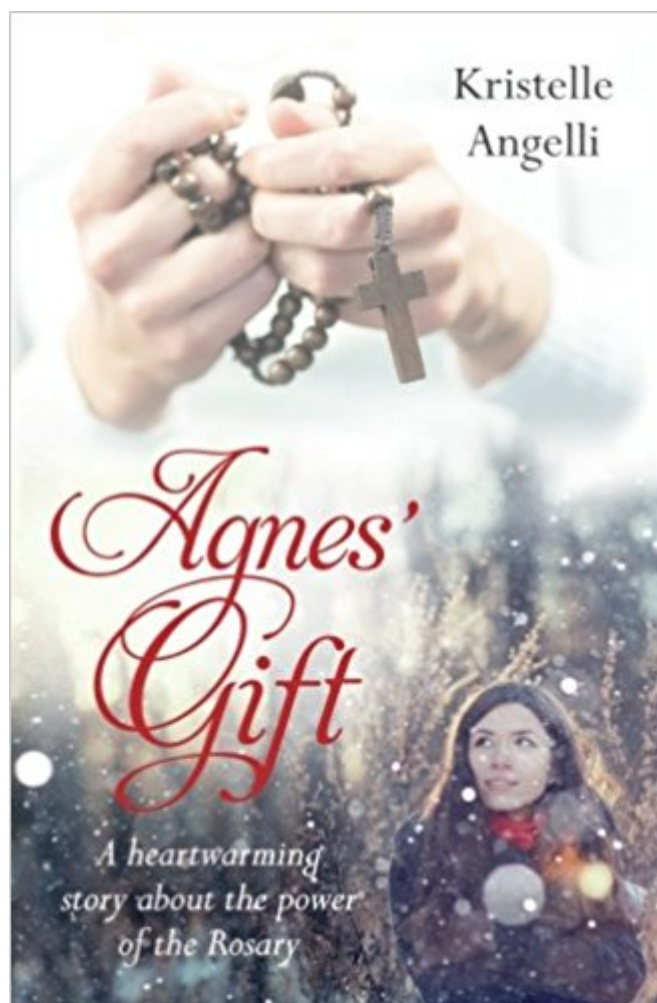


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# Agnes' Gift: A Heartwarming Story About The Power Of The Rosary



## Synopsis

Sometimes God seems nowhere to be found. Then, in an instant, the thin veil that separates Heaven and Earth is peeled back, and we see that He is closer than we ever imagined. Since Confirmation, Jenna hasn't thought much about her Catholic faith. With her world turned upside down from her parents' divorce, her brother's disappearance, and a move to a new neighborhood, God has never felt more distant. Upon moving, Jenna befriends Agnes, an elderly neighbor full of life and faith. She finds hope and healing through Agnes' friendship — until one heartbreaking night, she loses Agnes, too. Now, on Christmas Eve, gazing upon a gift from Agnes under her tree, an angel appears to take Jenna on an extraordinary journey through the mysteries of the Rosary, and she must decide if there is more to the Faith of her childhood than she previously thought. Are these ancient mysteries, which meant so much to Agnes, relevant to Jenna's life, too? *Agnes' Gift* is a heartwarming story about the power of prayer and friendship. It takes the reader on an adventure into the Gospel through the eyes of a struggling young adult, weaving together the story of Jesus and the timeless questions of a contemporary teenager. It is ideal for people of all ages who want to learn more about the ageless wisdom of the Rosary, rekindle a love for it, or wishing to take a fresh look at the Christian faith.

**Author Interview** Who would enjoy this book? Anyone wishing to be inspired by the story of Jesus and the power of the Rosary! I wrote it particularly with young adults in mind, however, since the story revolves around a heartwarming relationship between a teenager, Jenna, and her elderly neighbor, Agnes, it speaks to people of all ages. This book is for you if: you feel disheartened because your family or friends have left the faith; sometimes it seems that the Gospel and/or the Rosary are not relevant to the real problems of everyday life; you wish to take a fresh look at the Christian faith; you would like to develop or rekindle a love for the Rosary; you pray the Rosary but could use some inspiration to continue; you want to be inspired by a touching relationship between a teenager and her elderly neighbor; you just want to read a good book that weaves together the story of Jesus and contemporary spiritual questions.

**Why did you write this book?** I wrote it for three main reasons. First, to encourage those who might feel far from God to take another look at the Christian faith. — Second, to inspire those who pray the Rosary and know its power, but could use some inspiration to persevere or to pick it back up. And third, I wanted to find a creative way to help remind people of how close God really is. God can feel so distant but in reality, He couldn't be closer!

**What makes this book unique?** *Agnes' Gift* takes a fresh look at the Christian faith through the eyes of a struggling, agnostic teenager. It teaches about God's amazing love and mercy through a compelling story. Jenna's journey with her guardian angel through the mysteries of the Rosary might be extraordinary, but having a

life-changing encounter with Christ is something many Christians can relate to.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Kristelle Angelli has worked in young adult ministry since 2000. She is currently the Catholic Campus Minister at Emerson College, Boston, and Framingham State University. Kristelle holds a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry from St. John's Seminary, Brighton, MA, and a Bachelor of Arts in Print Journalism from St. Michael's College, Winooski, VT. When she is not working, Kristelle enjoys Taekwon-do, or can be found kayaking or snowshoeing near her home in Andover, MA.

What a joy to read Agnes' Gift from a young fresh perspective. The Author revealed the deepening unfolding mysteries of the Rosary as experienced through the heart and life of a teenager. The uniquely told story is an adventure of Faith, Hope and Love strung on the prayers of the Rosary that speaks to everyone in the language of the heart. Agnes' Gift celebrates and confirms the endless stream of love and grace that is unleashed in the power of Our Lady's Rosary. Agnes' Gift is a book for all ages all seasons. Don't miss this gem of a book - its beautiful

For this non-Catholic, it provided a different insight into the mysteries of the prayers of the Rosary. The only disappointment is I began the book thinking this was going to be a novel rather than an instructional book.

I applaud the author's desire to spread her obvious love of the Lord and the Rosary to others. The cover is beautiful, and I enjoy Christmas stories and Christian/Catholic teen novels, so I purchased the Kindle version of this book. While the author writes well, this is less a story and more a spiritual/theological/instructional book that teaches a deep appreciation for the Rosary. There is very little of a "teen novel" here. There is no teen voice and the story is primarily contained in the first and last chapters. I think the book would have benefited from a children's/YA editor who could have developed a storyline and characters that would attract a teen reader. If you are a catechist hoping to teach the Rosary to your teen students, this book may be a vehicle for you.

Such a lovely written story--as a semi-lapsed catholic, this story inspired me not only to be more "present" in my faith but to also be more compassionate to others. Ms Angelli writes with gentleness and allows you to really think about the various parts of the rosary as they can relate to our daily life. Kudos!

This is a lovely, well-written story, both inspiring and compelling. I loved the entertaining, unique way the author draws the reader into a timeless exploration of the mysteries of the Rosary. It is a fast-paced and engaging read I would recommend to readers of all ages. This would be perfect for a Lenten read or a book group discussion, a truly contemplative and thought-provoking take on the mysteries. Highly recommended!

It was the best book ever and quite impressed on the description of the rosary in the book!

Hope. That is the word that comes to mind as I read through this beautiful book. Every page is brimming with hope - and not a superficial, fleeting hope, but a steadfast trust that God has a plan for each one of us, and that He desires nothing less than our happiness. I've read a number of books, essays, testimonies, etc on the Rosary, but nothing quite like this - and trust me, I am someone who has struggled with saying the Rosary consistently, and I've been looking for that "breakthrough" moment - and this just might be it. A rich, lovely story that leads me through the mysteries of the Rosary...leading me through a garden of memories, doubts, desires, dreams, questions - there is no part of my life that the Lord doesn't want to reach! This book was a profound reminder of that truth. Thank you, Kristelle!

This gave me a much more vivid picture of the events represented by the individual mysteries. I

would recommend this book to any lover of the rosary. Thank you for making it available.

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