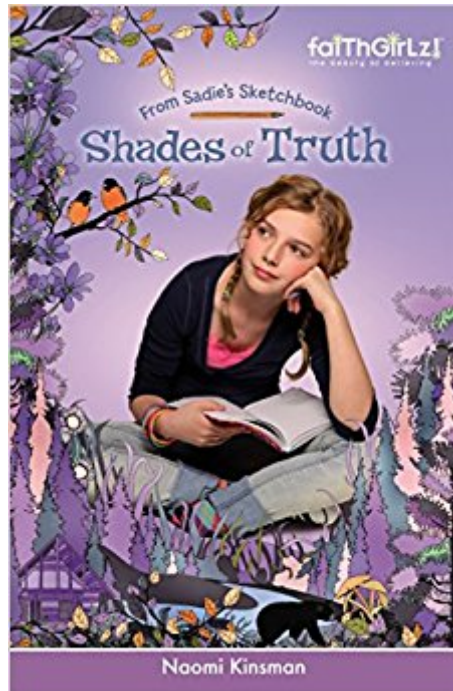




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Shades Of Truth (Faithgirlz / From Sadie's Sketchbook)



Synopsis

It's Going to Be a Bear of a Year Sadie thought she'd have a perfect fresh start when she moved to Owl Creek, Michigan, but finding her place in her new school proves harder than she expected. In this divided town, Sadie's father's job mediating between bear hunters and researchers doesn't help her social life. Sadie's art instructor encourages her to explore her beliefs and express herself through her sketchbook, and things improve after Sadie befriends a kind girl from school and a researcher's son—but she can't stop worrying about the bears. As everything swirls around her, Sadie must learn what it means to have faith when you don't have all the answers.

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Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

STARRED REVIEW: 'Kinsman offers a realistic and nuanced rendering that works for readers who want to know about the role of Christian faith in a young person's development, as well as those who like a fresh story about the journey of growing up.' (Publishers Weekly)

Naomi Kinsman has always dreamed of plunging into a fiction world, like Lucy does in *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. In Naomi's first career, acting and directing for the theater, this dream

was inches from her reach. But writing has made the dream possible, and now Naomi regularly slips into book worlds and shares her adventures through her company, Society of Young Inklings, dedicated to empowering young writers across the country. Naomi is the author of the 2009 Moonbeam Gold Medal winner, *Spilled Ink*, and she has written and directed over 50 plays for young audiences. She lives in Northern California with her husband and identically colored pets: a tuxedo cat and a Portuguese water dog.

My daughter and I have been switching off reading this right before bed time. She reads fairly slow still so I often read a couple of chapters for her. There are some really grown up topics which are great because it gives me a chance to explain to her why the characters are feeling the way they are about the situations. I think it's been written well for the target age group. My daughter seems very interested in it and always wants me to read more. We haven't finished it yet, but maybe in a week.

Naomi Kinsman's "Shades" addresses the deeper questions often skirted in YA literature: How to navigate ethical questions when there's no easy answer; how to find spiritual strength; how to fit in to a new community without losing yourself. All of this is imparted with the classic perks of great fiction. Kinsman's writing is fresh and her characters ring true. Sadie is such a likable character. I can't wait to read the next in the series. Wonderful book.

My Sunday school girls got to read the book and then meet the author. It's a very good book for today's preteen's. Whose going to be the author of your book of life. You, or the world? Big questions for preteens to think about. Some many things pulling on them. They'll need help in standing against the tide. All young girls should read this book.

Strong, lyrical writing. Sadie is an authentic protagonist who experiences honest emotions. I admire Downing's bravery and heart. Can't wait to read the rest of the series! Buy the series for all the kids in your life!

I'm reading this to my 8 year old and she loves it.

I thought this book was sad but I chose this rating because it happens all the time the promotion and sadness

My grandchildren and my pediatric patients really enjoyed this book. I appreciate the faith-based story-line. I'm looking forward to buying more from this author.

Most of the time, christian fiction is, well... a little lame. Not here! What I like about this author is that I feel as though she took some time to ask herself what questions a real young person would deal with, instead of creating a situation in which she could lay out the sinner's prayer and lead all of her readers into the sugary "everything's perfect once you believe" stories that typically get foisted on this demographic. I like that this is a book that will appeal to readers who already attend church and have a growing faith AND to readers who have no exposure to any language with which to express questions or ideas about how God fits into things. There are no pat answers in this book, rather the author creates space to allow readers to consider the different ways that God might reach toward them- because HE WILL- whether it's through conversations with followers of Jesus or quiet moments in which a person dares themselves to allow the Spirit to move in our feelings... Such a great book! I look forward to rest of the series!

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