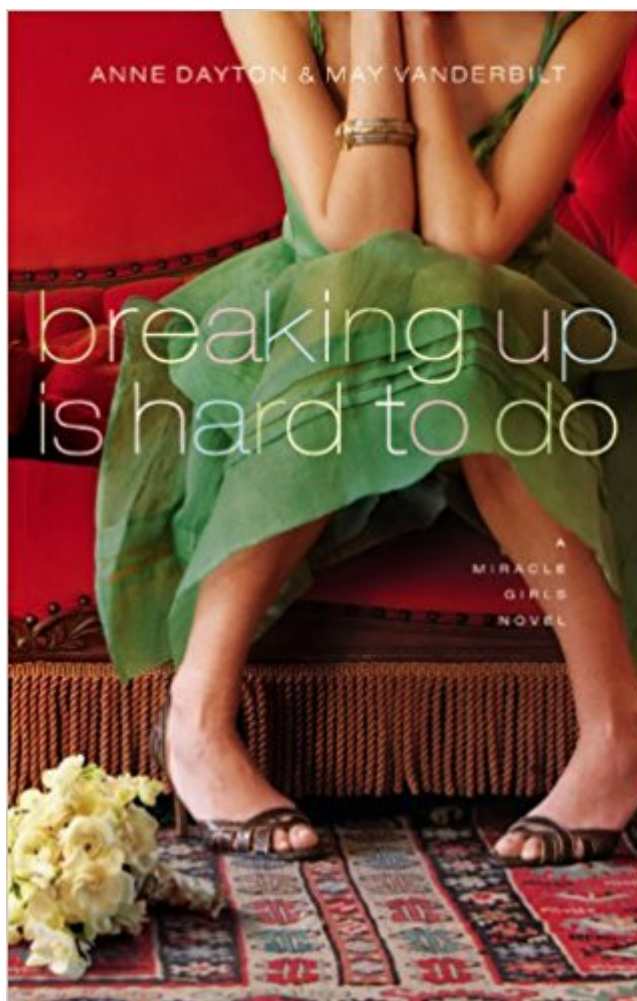


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Miracle Girls #2: Breaking Up Is Hard To Do: A Miracle Girls Novel



Synopsis

Ana, Christine, Riley, and Zoe have grown closer than ever over the past few months, but summer is over and it's time to put their friendship to the test. It's been a little over a year since Christine Lee's mom passed away in a tragic car accident. Now her dad is engaged to Candace--"The Bimbo"--and Christine couldn't be less thrilled. When her attitude starts to take a toll on her schoolwork, the administration forces her to attend counseling sessions. At least she gets to skip gym class! But with her father's wedding inching closer, Christine is growing even more bitter. To make matters worse, the Miracle Girls are beginning to drift apart. Christine's anger and the pressures of high school threaten to break the girls up when they need each other the most. Will they find a way to join together to help Christine come to terms with her mother's death . . . and her father's remarriage?

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"Fun, witty, and intelligent. It was a pleasure to meet this interesting mix of characters. Their struggles to form friendships and fit in were refreshingly realistic. Teen readers will enjoy and relate to this story." (author of the Diary of a Teenage Girl series, on The Miracle Girls Melody Carlson)"[E]xcellent life lessons, as well as strong themes of friendship and faith, throughout." (Romantic Times on The Miracle Girls)

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A great follow up to the *Miracle Girls*. It was intriguing getting to know Christine. You gain insight into her relationships with her friends, family, God and the relationship she had with her mother. You get to enjoy her first date, her ever changing hair and her talent as an artist. She learns that with help from Ana, Zoe and Riley she can trust her new family with Candace and Emma. Ms. Moore helps Christine grow into a secure young woman. This book will leave you wanting more of the *Miracle girls*.

I tagged this book 5 stars out of 5 stars because this book is really enjoyable! For almost all ages! The things I loved about this book was when Christine's friends came to her dad's wedding at the end of the book! For me, that was very touching! There was nothing I disliked about this book! I would definitely recommend this book to all people 13 and older. I am definitely going to recommend to my friends and especially family!

Christine Lee is a Sophomore in high school. This young lady has a love of art and she wants to be a famous painter one day. It's been a year since Christine Lee's mother died in an automobile accident and even though she no longer acts out by dyeing her hair bold colors she is still grieving. Christine's dad is about to marry Candace and the last thing Christine wants is for another woman to take her mother's place. This is the second book in *The Miracle Girls* series. In the first book, Zoe was the one who thought it was important to start *The Miracle Girls*, but in this book it's Christine who seems to care most about the group. She sees them as the only family she has since her mother died. It's the first day of school when the story begins. *The Miracle Girls* enjoyed each other's company over the summer (So here are the *Miracle Girls*, after an incredible summer together, parked under the big "Sophomores" sign/pg 1), and, according to Christine, they were close then. But since the authors didn't let me in on what happened with Ana, Zoe, Christine and Riley during those months, I couldn't really get how *The Miracle Girls* became closer since the first book. It would have been nice to know exactly what it was that made their relationship 'special' as Christine called it. In the first book they had just become *The Miracle girls*. In this one they don't spend as much time together as I thought they would. When Christine referred to Candace as a

'Bimbo' in the first book, I thought that was unkind but then I figured she must have had her reasons; maybe she was being mistreated. That wasn't the case at all. The madness at home seemed to be in her own mind, because she didn't like that Candace was there. But Candace seemed to be doing what she could to get along with Christine. Now, I did understand the pain Christine was feeling because she had lost her mother. And I could understand that she didn't want another woman to marry her father, but Christine could be so cruel. What she talked Emma into helping her with when they were at Bloomingdales, for instance. Christine thought it was funny but I was not amused. All I could think of was how hurt Candace was going to be when she found out what they had done and I felt so bad for this woman. It seemed Christine wasn't clear how her actions affected other people. I didn't think I'd feel this way, but I liked Christine better in the first book when she wasn't talking much. She wasn't putting up with Candace in this story; Candace was putting up with her. Christine claimed to be an adult, but she was acting like a child. She needed to learn that everything is not about her. Christine used to go to church regularly, but after her mother passed she had a problem believing in God. Or did she? At one point she wished she believed in God and about one-hundred fifty pages later she says that God enjoys watching us suffer. First of all, that's not true. But didn't she say she didn't believe in God? She also said she hates church. It seemed she was angry at God and that happens. This too shall pass, I hope. I also hope that she will stop calling herself a freak and that she will work on her relationships with her father and her new mother and her new sister, Emma, and not keep believing The Miracle Girls is her only chance at having some kind of life. It's great to have friends - even though I really didn't see the closeness of these four girls until the end of the story - but Christine will never need The Miracle Girls the way she'll need her family; particularly her father. No, James Lee didn't have a clue about what his daughter needed for a while there but he's working on it. I bought this book because I wanted to learn more about Christine and, even though I didn't like some of the things she did, I can't say she's an unlikable character. She's a teenage girl with issues and I hope she'll be able to work through them. Now, Ana. I don't know about this one. There's a time to speak and a time to be quiet. Ana wasn't clear on that in the first book and she still doesn't get it. And does being a part of The Miracle Girls mean that one can run another's life? In the first book Ana had problems with her mother, but she seems to be just as controlling. I'll have to buy the next book to see what happens next with these girls.

My daughter is loving this series. She says they are really fun books. She flew through this one... yes, I know, she flies through most books, but she really did seem to enjoy this one. And with a

cover like that, I have to admit I want to read it. Though my daughter insists I have to read the first one...first. Here's what she has to say: This book was completely fun. While there were some sad parts, Christine Lee does some really stupid and really silly things to get her dad and soon to be stepmom a part. She does not want them to get married at all. Christine is an interesting character because of her history. You have to have something special about you to be a miracle girl and for Christine it's that she was in the car with her mom when her mom died. Christine went through the windshield and didn't have a single scratch on her. That qualifies as a miracle. Now she's trying to find her way in this new world without her mom. It's not easy, but the story is filled with laughs. I would love to know Christine in real life. She's trying hard to keep her friends together. I can't wait to read book three.

I have enjoyed this series and getting to know The Miracle Girls. I felt like a big sister to them and cheered them on through each book.

My 15 year old read them and said they were pretty good. She didn't rave about them or love them, but "liked" them.

Love this series! Takes me back to the angst of being a teenager! Really appreciate the Christian slant and the lack of sex, drugs and vulgar language. Very refreshing. Can't wait to read the next two books in the series, I'm surmizing from Zoe and Riley's perspectives. Well written, engrossing story.

I thought that this book was a good story about the importance of friendship and family. The main character's attempt to cope after losing her mother and to keep her friendship with the "miracle girls" together shows how you should always cherish your relationships with your family and friends.

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