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## Kyle's "True heart girls devotional: God's promises for me!" (book review)

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# Book Reviews

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Kyle, S. (2018). *True heart girls devotional: God's promises for me!* Peabody, MA: Rose Publishing. 223 pp. \$15.99. ISBN 9781628627701

*God's Promises for Me!* is a 15-week devotional book written for girls ages 8 – 12 and is an ECPA finalist in the 2019 Christian Book Award program in the Young People's Literature category. The author Sherry Kyle has written several award-winning books for tweens including *The Christian Girl's Guide to Style* which won a Gold Mom's Choice Award. She is a Cascade award recipient along with a Lime award nominee.

This daily devotional tackles every day challenges, such as how to handle stressful situations in school or getting along with your parents, while providing example solutions for the reader to consider. These challenges are presented in different ways, e.g. a moral based story with a reflection page where the reader can write their thoughts about different elements of the story, through self-application of the situation. There are numerous activities, crafts and games, along with prayers, suggested biblical reading, and recipes which make for excellent family projects. The pages are illustrated and feature colorful fonts, along with short scripture passages highlighting the theme of the day or featured story. Each day covers one to three pages of interactive reading or activity.

The *True Heart Girls Devotional* is a wonderful book for young girls, it is well presented and the moral/ethical teaching points within each story are realistic, and exactly the kind of emotional issues that face young tweens today. The lesson that comes in the form of a short story, is referenced with a bible verse and makes the reader consider how the verse applies to this story, which is taken from a young girl's perspective. The comparative character, of which there are five throughout the book, always comes to a final realization of "the right thing to do" through a reference to scripture. The author makes scripture relevant to this age group in a very modern and practical way. Most parents are aware of the difficulties faced by young girls as they begin to transition into their teenage years, which can be a very confusing and stressful time for them. This devotional teaches how to practically apply God's promises to life situations. It is a reminder that God is there through all the trials and woes of being a young girl or tween. An excellent book for young girls that will keep God at the forefront of their lives.

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