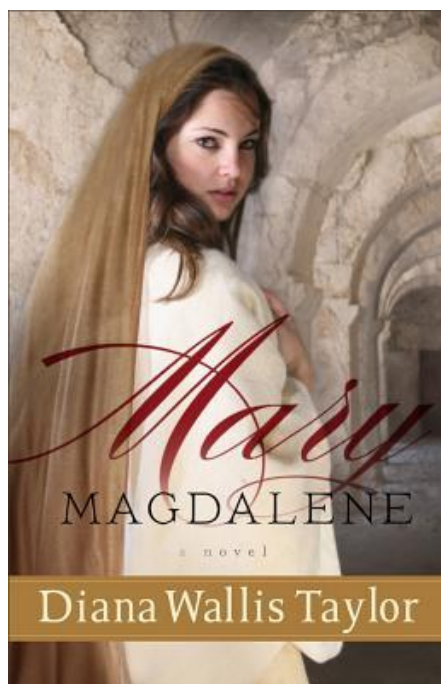




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Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says

Mary Magdalene by Diana Wallis Taylor

MY THOUGHTS ON THIS BOOK!

After reading "Journey to the Well" I am hooked on Diana Taylor's books! I look forward to new ones coming out, and I was excited to be able to read and review "Mary Magdalene." And again, I was not disappointed! If you like Biblical Fiction, this book is a must for you!

Since Mary Magdalene is somewhat a mystery because there is not much written about her in the Bible, I really wanted to read this book to find out what Diana Taylor's version of Mary was. The book starts out with a young Mary, a daddy's girl and love immensely by her mom. I enjoyed getting to know this young Mary, and following her life to adulthood. The accounts of Mary being demon possessed was heartbreaking, and her family staying close to her, supporting her was so heartwarming. Coming from this life, and the miracle of her healing, I can clearly see why Mary Magdalene was so devoted to Jesus. She loved Him deeply because He changed her life forever.

I cringe when I think about some of the things people have to say about Mary and her devotion to the Lord. And I appreciate Diana Taylor for how she shows us the real deal of why Mary loved Jesus so much. It was very well known that no one anywhere had been able to help Mary. And then her husband Nathan, a man wisely chosen by Jared for his daughter, hears about the healer Jesus. It was Jesus who healed Mary and gave her a new life. Shouldn't that make Mary, and anyone else that Jesus has healed in a situation such as this, devoted to Him for life?

Wow, I feel like I keep jumping all over the place in this story. Even though we don't know what Mary's life was like, I thoroughly enjoyed this fictional novel of how Diana Wallis Taylor thought it could have been. It is fun just being able to wonder and read about how it could have been. And I feel the Biblical accounts were accurate, so that's all that really matters to me, the rest is fiction, and that's where the fun is.

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Carly says

When I think of people in the Bible that I would like to read more about Mary Magdalene is one of those people. If I am going to read biblical fiction, it really needs to be interesting if I am going to stay focused on it. If it feels too much like a lesson, it can be boring, but I have yet to feel that way with a book by Diana Wallis Taylor. She is very good at keeping the story interesting, and feeling like a story while maintaining biblical accuracy. That is a difficult balance to achieve and Diana does it quite well. Reading Mary's story this way really brings it to life and I liked the care and time Diana took in doing so.

If you like biblical fiction this book is a must read. I personally was fascinated by Mary's story and couldn't help but wonder what it must have been like for Mary to be possessed by demons. Diana sure did give me a pretty good idea what it must have been like. I think out of all the biblical fiction I have read, this one is my favorite so far. I will admit to a few slow spots in the book, but looking back, they didn't really affect the story. Overall, Mary Magdalene is an excellent biblical novel.

Louise says

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My Review:

The story of Mary Magdalene was so well-written that I read it quickly and in one sitting. At a young age, Mary is kidnapped from her bed in the middle of the night and when she is finally found is prone to fits and wild rages. No one knows what to do with her. Her father, Jared, has already taken her to see several Rabbis in the hope that they'd be able to cast-out the demons who were haunting his daughter, however that was not to be.

Then one day while building boats at his shipyard, Nathan, Mary's husband who married her when she was just a young woman heard about a teacher who seemed to have some mysterious way of healing people. Immediately Nathan thought of his beloved Mary and knew he must seek out this teacher immediately!

For those of you who do not know this story, I won't ruin it by giving it any more detail than what is already here contained within the story description above. You'll just have to read the book to find out, but let me tell you, I was very, very good!! Diana Taylor Wallis always pens unique novels and I've not missed one yet and don't plan on missing any of her future novels either.

Valerie Comer says

Mary of Magdala suffered a trauma in her youth that led to having seizures and hearing voices. Although the Jewish priests prayed over her, she was not healed. The incidents grew in frequency and intensity until people around her began to whisper “Mad Mary” when they saw her. Eventually she lost her grip on sanity and needed to be kept in a locked room, both for her safety and that of the public.

A dire circumstance, to be sure. Her husband had lost the wife he loved, but never stopped praying and searching for her healing. A well-respected boat builder in Magdala, he was commissioned to build a fishing boat for a man named Zebedee of Capernaum. From Zebedee and his sons James and John, Mary’s husband first heard of the itinerant preacher named Jesus, but there was no safe way to take his demented wife so far for the touch of the Healer. Would Jesus ever come to Magdala?

In this retelling of the biblical story of Mary Magdalene, we become immersed in first century Palestine and life along the Sea of Galilee. We see the culture of the wealthy of that time, as well as the needy. We see the temple in Jerusalem through the eyes of a woman and experience the Sermon on the Mount. But most of all, we get a feel for the way the news of Jesus spread across the countryside and listen in to the discussion of whether or not this man truly was the Messiah.

If you enjoy biblical fiction, Mary Magdalene is a must read. And if it’s a genre new to you, I think you’ll find that Diana Wallis Taylor has a knack for drawing the reader into the time period and allowing us to experience the wonders of Scriptures in a new way. I wasn’t sure what to expect in this book, and I really enjoyed it.

Abbie Riddle says

Diana Wallis Taylor does an excellent job of nailing down biblical fiction, she is in a class with a few others who do this job very well. I love biblical fiction that causes me to go back to scripture and dig into it more deeply.

This story is about one of the women of the bible that who has had decades of rumors swirling around her. Who is this beautiful, mysterious woman that followed Jesus with complete loyalty and devotion? What is so different about her that has left people across the ages all trying to decide who she was and what her story really is?

Diana Wallis Taylor does not say that she has a definitive answer but rather adds a new depth and warmth to a woman that is most certainly tainted with all sorts of rumors. For the first time readers may see a side of Mary Magdalene that they had never considered before.

This is the story of a beautiful woman, the apple of her father's eye who's world is instantly shattered when she is suddenly struck with seizures and other mental illnesses. In a society riddled with tradition and old wives tales, with beliefs mixed from truth and folk tales she is just as instantly turned an outcast from the peoples that once loved and embraced her. Suddenly with out support and love, struggling with the unknown we find a woman destitute, broken, hopeless, and longing. This makes for the perfect redemption story.

For are we not all in our own ways outcasts - struggling just to fit in with the "norm". Longing for acceptance and seeking answers for our own inner demons. Are we not all broken and hopeless in some way longing for the healing touch of a savior that will set our world to rights and bring order to the chaos of our hearts and minds.

Women every where will be able to relate to this love story of a God who seeks to save his children for we

are all these children. This woman so immersed in the shadows of religious gossip and scandal is suddenly brought into a different light and we find - to our surprise she is much easier to relate to than we first believed.

Excellent job Diana Wallis Taylor you have done it again. IF you are looking for a good addition to you biblical fiction library this is it!

Thanks to Regal for this review copy.

Victor Gentile says

Diana Wallis Taylor in her new book, "Mary Magdalene" published by Revell takes us back to Biblical times to give us a look into the life of a very misunderstood character.

From the Back Cover: One woman desperate for hope. One Savior with the power to heal.

A beautiful girl blossoming into womanhood, Mary has high hopes for a life filled with learning, family, and young love. In one dreadful night, all of that changes. The nightmares come first, then the waking visions of unspeakable terror, until Mary hardly remembers her dreams for the future.

Can the Most High deliver her from this torment? How long must she wait for healing?

This vivid portrait of the enigmatic Mary of Magdala comes to life in the hands of an imaginative master storyteller. Diana Wallis Taylor introduces you to a Mary who is both utterly original and respectful of the biblical account, opening your eyes to a redemption that knows no bounds.

There is a group that think Mary is a prostitute though the Bible doesn't say so. There are others that think that Mary married Jesus even though the Bible is clear that is an error. No, Mary of Magdala, Magdalene is not her last name, is a Biblical person who is misunderstood and yet plays an important part in our Lord's life. It is Mary who is there at the tomb and has the angel talk to her and actually witnesses Jesus before the others; an important person. Ms. Taylor, in this book, "Mary Magdalene", gives us Mary as a real person with real desires and plans. Once again Ms. Taylor researched what life was like in Jesus' time and came up with a full picture of what her life might have been like. Of course, this is a work of fiction but based on Biblical events and is a sweet tale of trials, triumphs, and love. And, of course, there is also Jesus appearing in the story. Want to read a good book with events from the Bible woven into it then I recommend this book highly.

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Wanda Hartzenberg says

What an amazing journey of a real woman with real life problems and real life love, lost and insanity and then her cure...Jesus. The man who was said to make the blind see.. this is an amazing story of the everyday life of a woman.

Mary in this book, gives up nothing at all to follow Jesus. She did not have much but in following him she gained everything and I loved this fact of the book. Subtle, never preachy but the message is clear and the book filled me with hope.

Nathan, Mary's spouse in this novel is an inspirational character by himself. Teenage love, true love and a determination to do what is right. I loved this secondary character as I did the freed slave. So many characters in this book Mary included made this an amazing book. Mary is a very well formed character. Not faultless, human and afflicted but a good person nonetheless.

The author did an amazing job in writing a novel that serves to inspire.

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Lisa Johnson says

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Mary Magdalene is somewhat of an enigma in the stories that are in New Testament. Sometimes when we use word stories we think the people, places, and events are figments of the imagination. However, as far as the Bible is concerned, these aren't; they were real people living in real time through life here on earth. Mary Magdalene lived during the life of Christ and ministered to Him. He delivered her from demons possessing her. We know that she was the first to see that the Lord had indeed risen from the dead, mistaking Him for the gardener.

In this work of fiction, Mary Magdalene is presented in a way that captures what life might have been like for this woman. Diana Wallis Taylor does a brilliant job of keeping Mary's character in the reality of the time when the real Mary lived. Diana weaves the customs of the times and the Jewish observances into her characters and setting. There are also Jewish customs depicted during that era, which include the teaching of the Torah, as well as pieces of the life of Christ.

While this is truly a work of fiction, it is easy for the reader to grasp the imagination of the author as to what life was like in the Middle East. We are given a possible way that Mary meets the Lord, what the disciples may have been like, and times the Word of God was recited. Some of the other characters in the story are real at one time, but how they may have interacted with others and the Lord is the result of the imagination of the writer. It is a captivating story of love of parents, children, husband, and the community. Nathan, who is Mary's husband in the story, is seeking an answer to help Mary as she is persecuted by the nightmares of

the past. With each passing year, she gets worse until Nathan hears of a man from Nazareth. Once you begin the story, you won't be able to put the book down as the writer takes the reader on an adventure into the past during the time of Christ. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is seen and how she may have interacted with her other children, how they may have thought as well as acted towards Jesus. I highly recommend this book. I thoroughly enjoyed this novel as the writer worked hard not to "Americanize" the time or life of Christ or use our language today, but the language of Jews in that era. My rating of this work is five stars.

Jerry Blackerby says

Although written as a novel, it was an excellent study of Mary Magdalene, the one from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons and recorded in the Bible as the first person to see the risen Jesus. "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept." (Mark 16:9-10).

The fact that women were the first to visit the tomb and the first person to see the risen Jesus is evidence that the Biblical account is not fiction, because if it was fiction the writers would have chosen someone other than women to be witnesses. At that time in Jewish history, a woman's witness was not worth anything.

As I read the novel, I checked Biblical accounts for accuracy. I learned quite a bit about Mary Magdalene as a result of reading the novel. The only thing that bothered me a little was it appeared that Jesus ascended to Heaven after visiting with the Disciples the one time. Actually He was on earth and seen by some 500 different people over a 40 day period before ascending to Heaven.

Anne says

2.5 stars

Mary Magdalene, a rather enigmatic and fascinating Bible character whom we don't know much about, comes alive in this rather interesting take on her story. We know Mary as a woman of ill-repute, a sinner and a prostitute, and we also know that she was possessed by demons. She was marginalized, people didn't want anything to do with her, but after an encounter with Jesus, she becomes a changed woman and decides to follow and serve Him.

In this novel, Diana Wallis Taylor has imagined the cause of Mary's madness, as well as what her family life and social circumstances might have been. Kidnapped at the age of 11, her misadventure leaves a fatal traumatism on her soul, and she will never be the same again. First, the nightmares that wake her up screaming during the night. Then the blinding headaches, seizures, fits of rage, until it becomes evident that poor Mary is possessed by demons. The book spans many years, and we see Mary's evolution from the time she's a young girl to a middle-aged woman, yet the pace of the novel is rather slow. The first half is repetitive; Mary's parents despair of finding a husband who'd want a sick wife, and when they do find one, life is hard and it takes a lot of patience and hard work to control Mary and take care of her.

When she finally meets Jesus, the book takes a new perspective as we no longer read about the villagers of

Magdala and the daily struggles with Mary, but instead we follow the Lord briefly through the last two years of His ministry, and we get to see all the events through the Holy Women's perspective which was very interesting. They were mostly in charge of preparing the meals and serving the men, but they kept pace with them and followed Christ wherever He went.

In terms of spiritual content, this novel doesn't teach you anything. It's not eye-opening on any level, there is no great amount of constructive teaching, and even if you don't read the Bible much, you've probably already heard all the parables and main events of Jesus' life that were recounted in this book. I was disappointed that there wasn't more substance in a novel that had such great potential. The writing did not come get me at all. I never felt sad, happy, elated, or joyful for any of the characters. I wanted to "feel" Mary's miraculous healing, her selfless abandon in following the Lord, her love for Him, His love for the people, etc. I wanted to feel strongly while the Passion was being seen through Mary's eyes, but I didn't feel much of anything. The writing was too empty, too simple, and didn't come get all the emotions we should have felt. There was a lot going on in this book in terms of hardships and sadness, and I never once felt sad. The writing only touched the surface of things, and wasn't deep at all.

It was still a good book despite that, and for the most part I enjoyed reading it anyways, but near the end I was obliged to take down a few points because two things bothered me. First, there was absolutely no mention of the 40 days Jesus spends in the desert before entering Jerusalem, and that's a pretty important part because it is His preparation time before His passion. It's Lent, and you don't just skip Lent! And second, the one that bothered me even more, Jesus is said to have brothers and sisters. In the Catholic faith we believe that Jesus was Mary and Joseph's only son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and not the natural way, and that they didn't have any other children together. It was the first time I'd read about Jesus having siblings so it really felt weird for me and that's what bothered me, but that is purely personal and I understand that not everyone will mind. Catholics, be warned though ;)

There is still another book by this author that I've had on my TBR for a long while, Claudia, Wife of Pontius Pilate, and I still want to give it a try despite the few setbacks I had with *Mary Magdalene*, but at least I will know to lower my expectations a bit, and read it just for the story and her take on yet another glanced-over character in the Bible.

Katie says

First posted on my blog, Legacy of a Writer.

I am surprised (and sad) to have to say that I didn't like *Mary Magdalene* as much as I had hoped—especially since I really enjoyed Diana Taylor's two previous biblical novels. There was just something about this book that didn't really click for me, making getting through this book difficult in some parts.

There were, however, things I did enjoy about this book. Such as the way Mary becomes possessed with demons. I wasn't expecting something like that at all, and while to some it might seem very far-fetched...it still was very plausible. And Taylor worked it all together so seamlessly, it was very believable!

Another aspect of *Mary Magdalene* that I liked was the different viewpoint we are given of the last half of Jesus' ministry here on earth—when Mary joins Jesus' following. I haven't read anything like that before, and it was neat to see first-hand what the disciples—and the women—did in the hours after Jesus' crucifixion.

So, while I didn't become enthralled with the story of Mary Magdalene, there were still some parts I enjoyed. And from all the reviews this book is getting, I know I am in the minority here, so don't take my word alone that you won't enjoy Mary Magdalene for yourself. It might just be the biblical fiction of the year you have been waiting for!

Michelle says

I enjoyed this story. There were parts toward the end that were just like the stories in the gospels, so that came together nicely. Mary's descent into darkness following her childhood trauma was believably written. I cannot imagine how horrible it was for her or her husband to have that experience. I felt her profound relief when she was freed from the demons. Her husband also had reason to celebrate because he missed the intimacy in their marriage. Mary wouldn't let him anywhere near him and that had to hurt. One great theme in this book was that if you love someone you take care of them despite how hard it gets at times. Also, when someone recognizes they have sinned and confesses it, there is relief from guilt that can turn a life around.

I loved Nathan. I was sad when he passed on. I could feel the heavy emotion from Jesus when he said it wasn't time for her to follow him. His compassion was tangible. The author did a great job conveying this. Jesus knew her husband wouldn't be there forever. It struck me that Jesus knew a lot of things that would happen but didn't interfere with them if it wasn't part of the Father's plan. I knew this already, but for some reason that scene really sent the message home. Sometimes God doesn't intervene, but He always knows what we'll do and what will be done to us in our lives. Trusting Him--when you look at it that way-- makes total sense. No one else knows the far-reaching impact of our every decision, but because God does, we can trust Him.

Anyway, Biblical fiction lovers will enjoy this story. I love Biblical fiction and I really did. It wasn't my favorite novel by this author, but there were a lot of things to like about the story and I think there are a good number of themes in this book that will reach hurting lives. This is what Biblical fiction does best. It helps bring the difficult things in life into perspective and makes Scripture come alive when it's well done. This novel does just that.

Megan says

Mary Magdalene is a wonderfully crafted novel. The author creates a vivid story and a character that so little is known about. Before reading this story, I knew that Mary was a woman Jesus had cleansed of seven demons and was the first to see Him after his resurrection, but I had never really tried to understand what that must have meant. I never considered the ramifications of having seven demons inside of a person, how she must have been marked as a crazy woman and how people must have avoided her. This book made a real impact on me in that regard. Mary has never been so clear a person to me.

I have to say though, that there were a couple of mistakes. Without going into too much detail, on page 123 when someone places an order for a boat (which will be delivered in 60 days time) it says that a certain event happened 3 years ago and then on page 127 it says this same event happened *five* years ago. However, on page 138 it says that the boat needs to be delivered. I found it *very* annoying, I kept flipping back to see if I misread it, but I didn't and so I wasn't sure how long it really had been since the event happened.

One of the other mistakes is on pages 272-276. It makes it sound as though after the appearance to Mary Magdalene Jesus only appears to His disciples one time (several days after His resurrection), where He

spends the evening with them and then at dawn ascends into Heaven where the angels then say "*Why do you stand still gazing up at the clouds? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven.*". When in fact He appeared many times to them over the course of forty days! Here are the places I have found in Scripture which speak about his multiple appearances to His disciples after His resurrection...

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Margaret Chind says

While at this point I am fairly certain that I can tell you that Mesu Andrews is perhaps my favorite Biblical Christian Historical Fiction author, because of her books I have a big desire to jump more into other Biblical retellings. Diana Wallis Taylor is an author that many of my friends recommend for her Biblical retellings, first for *The Journey to the Well* and then for *Martha*, and now I'm quite certain that I will be hearing similar things said for Mary Magdalene.

Mary of Magdala is a female character in Biblical history that has probably had as much outside writing and inquisition into her mind and life as Mary, mother of Jesus. This novel is one more such estimated and imagined tale for what her life might have been. Through the words and storytelling of Diana, we get a girl excited about life and loving of her father's grace and attentions who goes through something horrendous and then endures some harsh years with physiological damage that only Christ himself can repair.

Read through this story and enjoy learning what might have been.

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posted: <http://creativemadnessmama.com/blog/2...>

Rebecca says

A good story, but poorly written with choppy sentences, too much 'tell' and not enough 'show', and too much repeating of words/phrases.
