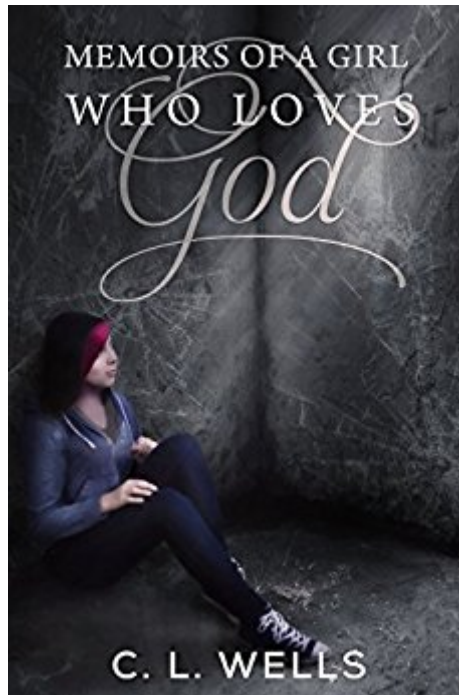




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Memoirs Of A Girl Who Loves God



Synopsis

Silent pain. Secret Scars. When her parents divorce, Krystal finds herself flailing. She withdraws from family and friends and begins cutting because it's the one thing she can control. No one knows her pain. Now living only with Mom, Krystal lands in a new school where she makes a single friend, Em. Together, they volunteer at a homeless shelter, serving soup and working alongside a diverse group with a few eccentrics sprinkled in. Everyone has secrets, but who will understand hers? How will Krystal help others when her hidden scars still sting? What readers are saying about

• *Memoirs of a Girl Who Loves God* • "This is a heartwarming story that was written from the heart. It brought real meaning to me" "of some things in life" "that never made sense before. It made me smile, and also brought tears to my eyes. This is a must read. I wasn't able to put it down once I started."

• "A compelling story that will have readers touched and unable to put it down. I've read it more than once and each and every time it brings tears to my eyes."

• "WOW! It is not an easy book to read, but it is a powerful book. Heartbreaking, heartwarming, challenging and uplifting."

• *ReadFreely's JULY 2016 Book of the Month* - What it's about: *Memoirs of a Girl Who Loves God* is the story of disturbed 14-year-old girl, Krystal. Her life is falling apart: her mother's just cheated on her father and had a baby for another man, her father has moved out, and her school grades are abysmal. And so she takes a shard of glass and cuts her wrist... What we love about it: In most other writers' hands, Krystal's story, and those of many of the people she meets along the way, would be unrelentingly bleak and depressing. There are very few things I'd want to read about less than a teenage girl who is so emotionally wrought that she finds solace in cutting her own wrists. But CL Wells skillfully manages to sweep us along in the tale without weighing us down too much with Krystal's sadness. A lot of the brightness comes from Krystal's best friend, Em, a bubbly ray of sunshine who convinces Krystal to volunteer at a Christian homeless shelter, and from Brandon, the very cute guy she meets there. I happen to have volunteered at a homeless shelter in my youth and CL Wells' description of the shelter brought my memories flooding back. Krystal is surrounded by an eclectic group of fellow volunteers and guests, and some of the most exciting chapters of the book are when these new friends take the reins and tell Krystal (and us) their life stories, and how God has touched them. Things begin to move in the right direction for our protagonist - she even begins to stop cutting herself - but just as we start to think that she's found her happily-ever-after, tragedy strikes at the shelter and at home, and darkness (seems to) overwhelm all... Who wrote it? I really must sharpen my googling skills, cos I couldn't, for the life of me, find out what the "CL" in CL Wells stands for. Here's what I do know: she lives in Kansas with her partner of over twenty years, and two aged pets. She is, unsurprisingly, a

Christian, and a promoter of selfharm awareness. She's also a huge fan of Tom Hanks, Tyler Perry and Oprah. She is currently working on a sequel to *Memoirs of a Girl Who Loves God*. We can't wait.

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Customer Reviews

Wow! What a great story!! I love how clear the message is that God loves us and will meet us where we are, no matter how far down we've fallen! C. L. Wells is a gifted writer who told a story without it getting boring or preachy and I am waiting, not so patiently, for her next book to come out!!

I really enjoyed this book. Krystal, the main character, struggles throughout the story to find herself and realize the importance of faith and God in her life. Continuous tragedies happen to her as she begins to accept Christ in her life. Wells expertly crafts a heart-warming story that keeps you wanting more until the end. This is a great novel for teens and adults. Wells is definitely leading the way for new YA Christian authors and I look forward to reading more in the future. God has blessed her with a great talent.

• is about a teenage girl who uses self-harm as a coping mechanism after her parents separate and about her struggle to stop. While this statement is true, the book is about so much more. • is a heartwarming and at times heart-wrenching story about hardships, friendships, love, and hope. It is a powerful story, filled with realistic and endearing characters. I smiled plenty, laughed much, and got a little choked up a couple times. Although the story of Krystal involves some dark subject matter, it is the message of love that demands the spotlight. Like icing on a cake, this story is wrapped in a beautiful cover. It is a great addition to any library, especially mine. I look forward to reading more from C.L. Wells.

This is a very well-researched, hope-filled, God-honoring book about cutting and depression. With intensely vivid descriptions of what it's like to have a cutting addiction, as well as live in a broken and chaotic home, this book is a must for any teen facing these issues. I am happy to advertise this book as something for everyone seeking the Lord in the midst of emotional pain and suffering. I hate to be C.L. Wells' first four-star review, but I felt like the prose in the first two thirds of the book read very slowly like a documentary about homeless shelters, and probably could have been cut in half. The last third or fourth of the book really picked up in speed and excitement, and read more like a narrative. I definitely thought the ending was fantastic and very realistic. I also truly enjoyed the war stories from the Walt character, and think this author should definitely try her hand at a war story sometime in the future.

There isn't any sugar-coating in this well-written debut novel, but there is God's love, hope, and redemption. Young Krystal is trying to cope with her emotional struggles by cutting. I don't want to give away any more of the story but this is a must-read for all ages. C.L. Wells is a talented author you'll want to add to your favorites.

Wells is a gifted writer with a voice you don't encounter often in self-published fiction. Her clear and compelling insight into pain and release bring the reader into a story that spins a message of faith, healing, and recovery, written from the perspective of a teenage girl and an author who has a genuine love for God and desire to witness. The evangelical message is strong here, imparting to the reader the imperative to seek God in the midst of trials as the only, and the ultimate, answer.

Krystal's story is a story that will inspire you. She has real-life struggles, family, self-destructive

behavior, being a teenager in a troubled world, and most of all her relationship with God. Once you start reading this book, you won't be able to put it down. This book shows how God can save a broken girl and make her whole again. God is Good!

I initially chose this book because my niece is the author. But don't let that lead you to read it. This book is fast-paced. It grabs you from the start and doesn't let you go. It takes your emotions for a full ride -- from tears to laughter and back again. It also restores your faith! Thank you C.L.Wells

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