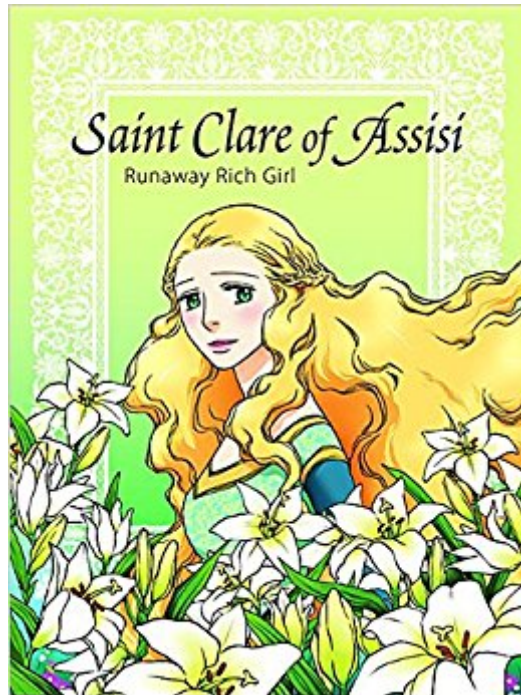




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Saint Clare Of Assisi: Runaway Rich Girl



Synopsis

Saint Clare had everything a young girl could want: wealth, a loving family, and her faith. Her father desired the best for her and planned that she would marry according to the family's position in society. Not only was the suitor her father chose for her handsome, he was also of noble birth. Clare wanted to please her family; but she had heard St. Francis speak of the love of Jesus. Her heart longed to share in the poverty of Christ, live among the poor and serve them in her daily life just like Francis, but she could not do that as the wife of a nobleman. In this book you'll discover how Clare ran away from the only life she knew to start a radical new adventure in holiness for women, following Francis in his love of the poor Christ. The Order she founded is known today as the Poor Clares. Vibrantly illustrated Shoujo-Manga style graphic novel tells this amazing story for children ages 9 to 12.

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Customer Reviews

My daughter loves this book

Pauline Media provided me with a copy of The Legend of Saint Christopher and Saint Clare of Assisi in exchange for an honest review. Graphic novels are a hot classroom commodity right now, and for good reason. Vivid illustrations combined with high impact text and dialogue create a

page-turner that is perfect for matching reluctant readers with non-fiction text. Pauline Media recognized this need and has a whole new line of graphic novels about Saints, including St. Christopher, St. Clare, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Philip Neri, and more. I've had these in my classroom for about six weeks now, and they have been a huge hit. So popular in fact, these books haven't even made it on the shelf in our Faith Corner yet- they literally are passed from one student to the next as they finish. It is a perfect book to tuck in their desks and read a little at a time- the style of a graphic novel makes it easy to immerse themselves back into the story quickly. I was impressed by the depth that is covered about the lives of these Saints. Besides just being a biography, these books are exposing my students to virtues, decision making, religious life, martyrdom, a good role models. Even though they each have an obvious male or female lead character, that isn't stopping boys and girls from both reading them. Of their own accord, I think just as many of the boys in my room have read about St. Clare as St. Christopher. The style, action, and pacing is attractive and keeps them reading. These books have been a great addition for my classroom, and I will definitely be adding more to our collection. I think that they would best fit 3rd-6th graders, but could also be a great help for older students when reading is not a strength. Now, I just have to decide what story to order next. Mother Teresa of Kolkata? St. Teresa of Avila? I think I'll poll my students :).

This book is both written and illustrated by Kim Hee-Ju. It is a graphic novel in a semi-manga style. The reason I say semi is it has the typical oversized eyes, but it does not have disproportionate body sized, and it is in full color instead of black and white with shading. Now I am by no means an expert on graphic novels. But I do enjoy a few artists that I have been introduced to. And this is a really good offering. I read this book with my three children, ages 10, 9 and 6. The 6 year old loved it. She has carried it around for 2 weeks now. We have reread it a few times. She took it to school to share with her classroom. Her best friend and her have sat on the back porch and read through it a few times now. She even slept with the book the first few nights. And I do not think you can really give a book better praise than kids love reading it and read it again and again. This book is really two stories in one. It is the stories of both Francis and Clare of Assisi. It starts with Clare remembering back to Francis's conversion and renouncing his worldly possessions. It is the story of Clare's love for God and appreciation for the work Francis was doing. And it is the story of Clare's call and life of service. And it is wonderfully told through both pictures and words. Graphic novels are a good art form, and method of storytelling in and of themselves. But they are also great for reluctant readers. This is a good book and I really look forward to reading more in the series.

It's wonderful to see the story of Saint Claire of Assisi come to life in beautiful manga work. This book originated in South Korea, which is only second to Japan when it comes to the finesse of this style. This is no mediocre attempt by a rookie. I totally recommend this to anyone who loves shoujo manga and the humble servants of God!

Excellent! My 9 year old daughter keeps reading it over and over again.

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