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When Grace Westcott is kidnapped by a French mercenary, tossed aboard his ship, and told she will be sold to a Spanish Don, she can't imagine what she did to deserve such a fate. She has spent her entire life serving God and helping the poor, Believing God sent her to preach to the vile captain and his crew, Grace's attempts are rewarded with mockery. When her situation grows worse, she is forced to face her own weaknesses. But she isn't prepared to face her biggest weakness of all—falling in love with the nefarious captain, Rafe Dubois.

Captain Rafe Dubois hates nothing more than religious snobbery. Fleeing a home of abuse and betrayal by a self-righteous father, he became a mercenary—willing to do any job, no matter how vile, in order to amass the fortune he needs to build a hospital in his home town of Port-de-Paix. That is, until he meets the saintly Miss Grace Westcott who continually berates his every move.

Kidnapping, betrayal, sorceries, dangers on sea and land continually threaten to devour Grace as she searches for God's purpose in the madness. But what if that purpose is not to redeem the wicked Captain Rafe Dubois, but to change her own prideful heart?

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From Reader Review Raven Saint for online ebook

Brooke Barenfanger says

A breathtaking story that leaves your heart pounding. The Raven Saint is my favorite of The Charles Towne Belles Trilogy. Grace, the most devout in her faith among the sisters, is kidnapped by a handsome rogue pirate on one of her missions of mercy. She has a few things to learn about herself before her journey is over. Is her faith really as strong as she thinks it is? In time of need, it seems to waver mightily. Her judgmental attitude toward others comes back at her. She finds that she is no better than those she has judged. Definitely a lesson we all can learn from.

This wonderful journey with Grace and Captain Rafe left me sighing and giggling. ML Tyndall wields her words as skillfully as Rafe does his cutlass. Plus, there's just something most romantic about the kidnapped falling in love with her kidnapper. I have noticed while reading this trilogy that Tyndall lets her female characters grow into their names. Faith became faithful to God, Hope became filled with hope, and Grace learned how to extend grace.

This trilogy was wonderful. ML Tyndall is a delightful author. I will most certainly read more of her books in the future.

Vickie McDonough says

Oh my goodness! The Raven Saint is a fabulous book. It's the story of a pious young woman kidnapped by a scoundrel pirate, who plans to sell her to a Columbian don. Plenty of swashbuckling action and delicious romantic tension with a powerful faith message.

Lori says

The Raven Saint moved at a faster pace than The Blue Enchantress, which made me happy! I enjoyed Grace and Rafe's story a little more as well. I don't know if I just wasn't in a "pirate" mood when I read these two books, and that's why I didn't enjoy them as much as The Red Siren, or what. Don't get me wrong, none of Mary Lu's books are bad, I just wasn't enthralled with this story as I normally am when reading her books.

We meet Grace Wescott while she and her personal maid, Alice, are on one of Grace's many errands of mercy. She feels lead to serve God by helping the poor whenever she can. Only this errand turns out to be vastly different than any she has been on so far! While basically out in the middle of nowhere, Grace is kidnapped by a French mercenary, Captain Rafe Dubois. She soon discovers that she is part of a horrendous plan that will enable Rafe to seek revenge on the men responsible for his mother's death. What will happen to her? Will she ever see her sisters, Faith and Hope, again? Surely God will see fit to deliver her from this nightmare, especially since she has devoted her life to Him. Little does she know, this frightening escapade is all part of God's plan.

Quite a few secondary characters in The Raven Saint caught my attention. Such as, Nicole, and her daughter, Madeline, who help Grace out of a sticky situation. Then there is Father Alers, the ship's cook. He is also one of Rafe's closest friends who has decided to remove himself from the priesthood. My favorite secondary character of all is Spyglass. She is Rafe's one-eyed cat, and she "helps" him on more than one occasion. I fell in love with her immediately! As it turns out, one of my blogging friends, Angie, over at Never a Dull Moment, had the honor of naming Rafe's kitty. Isn't that awesome? Great name, Angie! =)

If you haven't had a chance to read any of Mary Lu's books, you should definitely give them a try. To find out more about her, and her books, be sure to visit her website.

*** I received my copy of The Raven Saint compliments of Mary Lu Tyndall. Thank you! ***

Georgianne says

This was my favorite of the series. So much action and suspense! And Grace was such a refreshing change from her sisters, Faith and Hope!

BlueJeansAndTeacups says

REVIEW FOR ALL 3 BOOKS IN Charles Towne Belles Series

M.L. Tyndall

THE RED SIREN book#1 Charles Towne Belles Series

M.L. Tyndall

•°•:~::~. AVAST YE LANDLUBBERS, FAITH FILLED ADVENTURES AWAIT.:~::~°•

I loved this entire series and read all 3 over a 6 day period in honor of Natl. Talk Like a Pirate Day (-smile). There are exciting adventures upon the high seas in the early 1700s, miraculous deeds, as well as evil presence (things many Christian authors do not bother to address).

Some of the exciting characters:

Dajon (hard name I disliked – I chose to say Dayon in my head), soft spoken, good morals, seeking to climb the ladders of success in the British Navy. Unexpectedly assigned to watch over 3 grown sisters, while their admiral father is called away on a 6-month assignment.

Bickering Sisters: Faith Wescott, headstrong character, no belief in God, secretly a pirate!

Hope Wescott, appears frivolous, stupid, self-centered, no faith in God.

and Grace Wescott, self-governed by biblical rules, not by grace – wears hair in a tight pulled-back bun.

Red parrot belonging to Faith, fun character

Admiral Wescott, is an arrogant ass who cares little about his daughter's desires and what is truly best for them.

Molly – the negro cook who is genuinely concerned and faith-filled.

Lucas – mulato 1st mate to Faith, and the family groomsman, who secretly has a crush on Molly

Sir Welhelm – Faith's recently disgusting betrothed, unless she can outwit her father

Lots of fun to read!

I give it 5 out of 5 stars and would recommend it to others.

Included at the end of the book: n/a

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THE BLUE ENCHANTRESS book#2 Charles Towne Belles Series

M.L. Tyndall

•°•:***:•. YO HO, YO HO A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME.:***:• o°•

I loved this entire series and read all 3 over a 6 day period in honor of Natl. Talk Like a Pirate Day (-smile). There are exciting adventures upon the high seas in the early 1700s, miraculous deeds, as well as evil presence (things many Christian authors do not bother to address).

Hope Wescott is a spoiled child of a young woman. She has been having an affair with Lord Faulkland, a disgusting pompous user of women. When he tells her he is leaving on a ship, she decides it best to stowaway and “surprise” him. He sells her out to the captain, who then has her sold at auction!

Coming to her rescue is Nathan Mason, who has handmade 2 ships of his own, is an orphan adopted by a local preacher, and a true man of God.

During their time on a ship, there is an intense hurricane that leads them to be marooned on an island. Many adventures and damsel in distress moments ensue.

Abigail, a young, faith filled daughter of murdered missionaries is also marooned on the island, along with a handful of other characters (some not-so-nice).

Captain Poole, discovers them on the island. He is a pirate with an unusual sense of duty toward God and certain women, such as wives.

I was so happy Hope grew out of most of her childish ways, and came to Christ along with others maturing in Him.

I give it 5 out of 5 stars and would recommend it to others.

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THE RAVEN SAINT book#3 Charles Towne Belles Series

M.L. Tyndall

•°•:***:~. HIGH SEAS ADVENTURE.~:***:~ •°•

I loved this entire series and read all 3 over a 6 day period in honor of Natl. Talk Like a Pirate Day (-smile). There are exciting adventures upon the high seas in the early 1700s, miraculous deeds, as well as evil presence (things many Christian authors do not bother to address).

French Captain Rafe Dubois has been offered 500 pounds to help with the Spanish get revenge against British Navy Admiral Wescott. All he has to do is kidnap the Admiral's daughter, Grace Wescott.

Grace Wescott is very judgmental, and is constantly second guessing God, trying to figure out why she has been either abandoned by God or chosen by Him for this task to possibly help someone. She has a long road ahead, but in the end, God has used her and has never left or forsaken her.

Assisting aboard ship is Father Alers, who has walked away from his faith after being convinced men are to evil and only pretend Christianity. Although a rough and burly man, he is definitely genteel and kind.

Spyglass the cat, is a favorite character, who seems to be used by God whenever she is most needed.

Many characters are not what they seem, and it will take a lot for both Grace and Rafe to discover their true motives – be it good or bad.

I give it 5 out of 5 stars and would recommend it to others.

Included at the end of the book: PHOTO OF SPYGLASS THE CAT

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Debra says

Once again another awesome book!!!

Have all introduced my friends to these book written my this talented author and will keep recommending!
On to the next book!

Marguerite Gray says

Adventurous trilogy of pirates and mercenaries, belles and rogues, and always a dose of faith and hope. A big thank you to the author for a memorable journey through the waters of time.

Katie W says

I loved this book in the Charles Towne Series. Each book can stand on its own.

Grace, the youngest of four daughters, is kidnapped by pirates and is to be sold to a Spanish Don. Along the way, she attempts to escape and is recaptured. Her strong faith gets her through the ordeal and helps those around her. Meanwhile, the heart of Captain Rafe Dubois is softened.

I liked how strong Grace was. Although she was scared, she held to her beliefs and tried to ease the needs of those around her. She was a very accepting person, yet often found herself judging others and she was very quick to recede those judgments when she got to know a person. She was trusting and willing to find the good in people. A cute Christian historical romance.

Michelle Griep says

Wow! What a swashbuckling adventure of a read. The Raven Saint is a powerful conclusion to The Charles Towne Belle Series by author MaryLu Tyndall—and it's my personal favorite.

Tyndall nails the rogue hero persona in the character of Rafe Dubois. What's not to love in a man who wears a white buccaneer shirt and jackboots? Oh, yes...Captain Dubois is all that and so much more. This jaw-dropping hunk of a captain is not only unpredictable but clever and courageous as well. He's a bad boy champion who steals the heroine's heart along with the reader's.

But besides the spicy attraction between the captain and his captive, there are many spiritual aspects that author Tyndall conveys throughout the story. She shows how holier-than-thou judgmental attitudes hurt everyone involved. That revenge does not end with the feeling of satisfaction. And that spiritual warfare, though not visible to the human eye, is a very real battle going on around us.

Do yourself a favor and set sail on the Caribbean this winter by picking up a copy of The Raven Saint. It's way cheaper than a vacation but will take you away just the same.

Bookworm says

M.L. Tyndall succeeded in crafting yet another fantastic tale of love, faith, and adventure. I can't wait to read the final book in the Charles Towne Belles series, "Charity's Cross".

Victor Gentile says

I had the privilege of interviewing M. L. Tyndall, on our radio show "Kingdom Highlights", for her new book, "The Raven Saint", Book Three in her, "Charles Towne Belles" series published by Barbour. If you haven't read the first two books you have missed a great treat. Ms. Tyndall knows how to craft a great story

filled with action, suspense and wonderful romance. Don't start this book late at night because it will be very difficult to put it down or stop thinking about it.

At the end of book two we learned that the third sister, Grace, had been kidnapped. At the beginning of this book we actually are there when Grace is kidnapped and then we are plunged into the adventure.

Captain Rafe Dubois has kidnapped Grace Westcott to sell her to a Spanish Don in Colombia. The captain is an honorable pirate and would never do such a act except that Grace is the daughter of Admiral Westcott and as long as she is a Westcott that sort of makes it all right in his mind. However, as the voyage progresses Dubois comes to learn that Grace is much more than just the Westcott name but a person and someone that he falls in love with. The adventure takes them to many places to meet many individuals especially Dubois' father and appearances are deceiving making it very difficult to know who is telling the truth.

As in the previous books this is more than a story about pirates this is a story about "Grace", not just the person but the action as in our God is a God of Grace. The books are following the parable of the sower and the seed and the ground that the seed fell upon. In this book it is the good ground. Grace the person has much to learn about what her name really means and it is during this adventure that she, and we, come to this knowledge.

I recommend this book highly and while I am sorry to have it come to an end I am greatly looking forward to the next series.

If you missed the interview for "The Raven Saint" and would like to listen to it and/or would like to hear the previous interviews where we discussed the first and second books please go to www.kingdomhighlights.org where they are available On Demand.

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Renee says

Loved it...but what's not to love about pirates? ;-)

If you love high seas adventures Mary Lu's Charles Towne Belles series is a must read. Book 3 in the series, The Raven Saint is no exception. The characters are terrific including Grace Westcott, the pious sister of the Westcott bunch as well as roguish captain, Rafe Dubois. Even though the setting for The Raven Saint reminded me of her earlier Legacy of the Kings Pirates series, it never got old and made for an interesting read.

Grace was far from perfect as the heroine, she realized that in order to help others she must look inside herself first. Rafe Dubois, the rough around the edges hero had to learn to let go of the disappointment in his past to embrace a future of hope and possibly love. I believe fans and new readers alike will enjoy The Raven Saint. I'm really looking forward to the next book in her new series, Surrender the Sea which will be

released this summer!

Received my free review copy from the publisher

Tammi says

I've really been enjoying this series. I think this is my favorite so far ... it seems each story gets better and better.

Dina Sleiman says

MaryLu Tyndall has done it again. The Raven Saint is yet another awesome pirate romance. Fun and adventure on the high seas.

This is the third book of Mary Lu's Charles Town Belles series. It features a whole different sort of heroine. Grace Westcott is as uptight and prudish as Hope was flighty and sin-ridden and Faith was proud and driven. What a study in contrasts. And as you may imagine, Grace has much to learn in order to overcome her judgmental and legalistic attitude if she is ever going to come to grips with her feelings for the roguish pirate with a heart of gold, Rafe Dubois.

The story opens as Rafe kidnaps Grace in order to sell her to a Spanish don in the Caribbean. Although we quickly come to suspect that Rafe may have some worthy motives hidden behind his abominable actions, Hope has no way of knowing this. The hero and heroine prove an entertaining and often comical contrast. As for Grace, she does her best to find God's plan in this terrifying situation, and strives to evangelize the pirates around her, but her methods leave much to be desired. All this occurs in the first few chapters and sets the stage for a rollicking adventure.

As usual, MaryLu provides great characters, stunning backdrops, comedy, heart-stopping romance, and plenty of excitement along with strong spiritual messages. For this book she also offers a fun cast of minor characters including Nicole, the charitable prostitute, Father Alers, the backslidden pirate priest, and Annette, a mixed-race slave girl. Annette especially caught my attention. She is bitter from being rejected by both the whites and blacks. For this reason, she delves into ancient ritualistic religion, bringing an interesting dark spiritual contrast to this otherwise light and uplifting book and supplying unexpected scope and depth. I applaud MaryLu for tackling some tough subjects, as Grace is challenged at every turn to examine her motives, her heart, and the nature of true Christianity.

This book concludes the Charleston Belles series with a rousing happily-ever-after and the reunion of the seafaring sisters. If you love romance, history, and pirates, you simply must read it!

Judy says

The Raven Saint by M.L. Tyndall is the third and last book in the Charles Towne Belles series. The first book is The Red Siren and the second is The Blue Enchantress. The books are about three sisters: Faith, Hope & Grace Wescott. They have an older sister who is married and still in England, her name is Charity. Their father is an Admiral in the Royal Navy and spends more time at sea than with his family. Their mother passed away during childbirth.

This is Grace's story. She has been devoted to God from the beginning. Her mother wanted her to make sure her sisters came to Christ as well and Grace carries that burden along with carrying for the people in her area and her family. She brings food, medicine and the gospel even when her life is in danger of Indian attacks. She just did not consider the real danger of being kidnapped until one day in October, 1718 when it became a reality.

Captain Rafe Dubois, French by birth, has a hatred toward the British Navy. His mother was killed during a war and a raid on their Island. So when a don from Spain offered a large sum of money for the daughter of Admiral Wescott Rafe agreed to it. He thought she would be much different than the woman he kidnapped. Instead she had courage and was kind although she was judgmental and pious. He would have second thoughts about selling her but he had hate and revenge to turn to in those times. So many people betrayed him in the past that he did not trust easily.

Grace kept trying to find why God put her in this situation, surely it was to spread his word. She had a way of trying to beat people over the head with the Word rather than ease it up to them. And she was a bit self-righteous. When she escapes the ship at Port de Paix, the Island Rafe grew up on, she does not fair well. She don't speak french, she is robbed and fortunately the robbers did not recognize a woman in boys clothes and after four or five days in the rainy weather without shelter or food she gets help from an unlikely source.

Grace and Rafe are as different as night and day. She is prudish and pious and is a rake who seems to not have many morals. She has never been kissed and he has women throwing themselves at him.

It is quite an adventure that ties up the last of this series. Spyglass the cat is unique and smart, Thorn the first mate who is not all he seems to be, Claire- who has outward beauty but is quite devious, Rafe's father who is just evil although he claims to be a Christian, Annette the slave who is caught between two worlds, Father Aler who left being a Jesuit priest to sail with Rafe, Nicole a soiled dove who reaches out to help Grace when no one else does and helps Grace understand that sometimes people do what they must to survive.

I recommend reading all three books in the order written to get the full scope of the stories.
