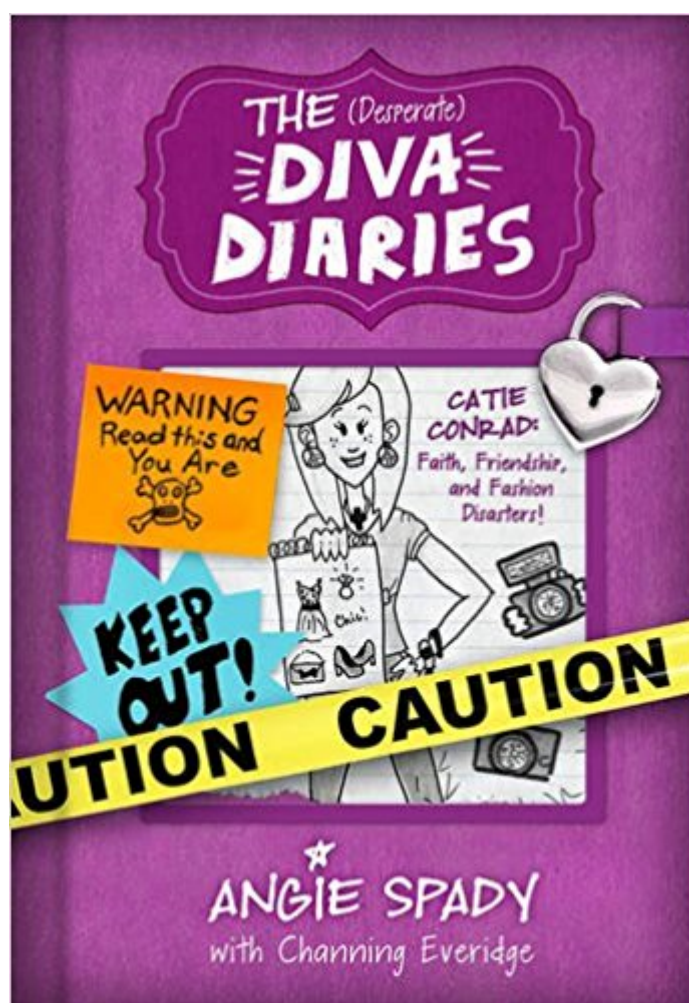


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# Catie Conrad: Faith, Friendship And Fashion Disasters (Desperate Diva Diaries Series)



## Synopsis

Meet, Catie Conrad - a typical Christian tween with, oh, the weight of the world on her shoulders. And if it isn't bad enough that no one seems to understand the social pressures of being the greatest at everything, donning the latest fashions, and carrying the trendiest technology, Catie's dad is about to uproot her and her family to an Indian reservation during spring break for his job. Throw in a school dance, a major art contest, and an arch nemesis known only as Miranda Maroni and there's bound to be an epic meltdown of biblical proportions. Or, maybe not. Finally a voice in the tween genre that is relatable and no less humorous for girls aged 9 to 12 by author Angie Spady. The first book in a new series titled Desperate Diva Diaries, Catie Conrad: Faith, Friendship, and Fashion Disasters chronicles both the small triumphs and general mishaps of sixth-grade Christian want-to-be diva, Catie Conrad. While her Christian journalist father is often a co-conspirator to making Catie's life interesting with mission trips and church projects, Catie never ceases to realize God's hand in all situations.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Angie Spady is an award-winning educator and curriculum author who resides in Eastern Kentucky

with her husband Steve and two daughters. She is the author of the popular Channing O'Banning series and notable speaker on the topic of art as a form of self-expression among elementary school children. Her innovative teaching strategies have been featured on PBS and other local media across the U.S. Her passion is to address the desperate need for good reading materials that both promote self-expression in young children and aims to challenge kids creatively and intellectually. Channing Everidge is a high school senior, children's book illustrator, and daughter to award-winning author Angie Spady. She currently resides in Kentucky where she is a member of Hindman Student Ministries and where she is president of the Art and Cultural Enrichment Club at her school. A Governor Scholar of Kentucky, Channing excels in academics and has won numerous state awards in the arts and humanities category. Honored to join the B&H Kids family, Desperate Diva Diaries is Channing's first illustrated book series, designed to reach young kids for the glory of Christ.

I bought these for my daughter, and she loved them! They arrived on a Saturday and she finished both books by Sunday evening. She is in second grade but she reads at a 6th grade level so it is a challenge to give her books that are at her reading level but appropriate for her maturity level/age. Our only issue now is that we both want the story to continue!

It is a great book for learning scripture. It brings you into a whole new adventure each time. I would totally recommend reading this book

Typical Catie: "Then I got to work on cutting out fabric for Sophie's apron. Whenever Mom sees fabric on sale, she buys a few yards of something she thinks I might like. Sophie's favorite color is orange, so I picked out a fruity print in orange and pink, and I'm going to paint an orange S on the pocket. I can't wait to see her face when I finally finish it." Life would be SO much easier without any brothers and their pet skunks, classmates who think they're the best, and moms who say "no" every time you ask for a new phone. Katie tries to be patient, but it's so hard when the Germ (a.k.a. little brother Jeremy) is driving her nuts. And upon all that "normal" stress there's a dance to get ready to and an art show Caries absolutely has to enter. She IS the next famous fashion designer, right? Catie Conrad: Faith, Friendship and Fashion Disasters is written as a diary full of illustrations. Sometimes the constant capitalization of words made it hard, but the story was still interesting. From spa disasters to mission trips, it is full of a sixth-grader's secret thoughts. The good news is that the book is founded in

Christian truths. Catie learns that God is in control and that she should be less selfish. This is the first in the Desperate Diva Diaries Series. The second is Catie Conrad: How to Become the Most (un)Popular Girl in Middle School.

My daughter loved this book! We hope she continues adding to the series.

Great book for any preteen girl who is a fan of Dork Diaries!

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My Review: All scripture quoted unless otherwise states is from the Homan Christian Standard Bible. It is hard cover and has the perfect illustrations to catch your tween's attention. Since I am always looking for appropriate books for my granddaughter, when I was approached about reading this book for review, I jumped at the chance. I am so happy I did because this is another wonderfully upbeat, faith-based book that deals with everyday situations. In comparison with the series "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and "Dork Diaries", this ranks number one in my opinion. After reading this diary, it is answer to any parent's prayer who wants their child to read faith-based books. This book had so much depth to it, even though it was packed with fun-filled situations. It talks about issues that many girls may deal with on a daily basis. Catie vents and rants just like any normal tween child, but always seems to come up with a great solution. I cannot wait to introduce my granddaughter to this series. I think the other diaries will end up on the back of the book shelf. I am anxiously awaiting the release of the next in the series. What a great way to introduce your tween to positive, upbeat reading---Highly recommend!

Disclosure: I was given a copy of this book by the author, for review. I was not required to write a favorable review nor was I compensated for my review. The opinions in this review are my own.

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