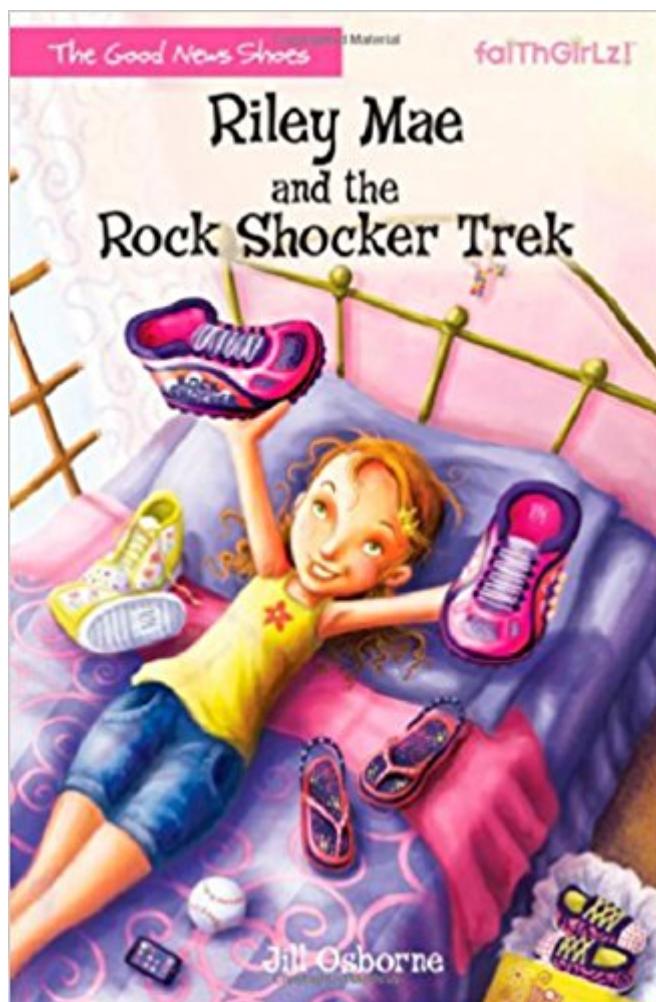


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# Riley Mae And The Rock Shocker Trek (Faithgirlz / The Good News Shoes)



## Synopsis

If you're gonna run for your life, you gotta wear the right shoes. Riley Mae Hart loves sports and action—so when the Swiftriver Shoe Company offers her a contract to be the spokesperson for their new outdoor sport collection, she jumps at the chance. Soon she's appearing in commercials and magazine ads, and every girl in town wants to wear Riley Mae shoes. Well, except for Riley. Because walking in those shoes means missing out on softball season, making her best friend, TJ, mad, and embarrassing her new friend, Rusty. It also means sneaking around, hiding, and keeping secrets—because something isn't quite right at Swiftriver. But a contract is a contract, so Riley laces up her "Rock Shocker" hiking boots for a climb up Half-Dome in Yosemite. Will they be the right shoes to get her back on solid ground?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 • In Riley Mae and the Rock Shocker Trek, seventh-grader Riley Mae's life changes drastically when her father, who owns an advertising company, lands a contract with Swiftriver, a company that makes athletic shoes for girls. Riley becomes the company's spokesgirl

and finds that though she loves many of the elements of her new responsibilities, there are many things she doesn't like. As the story progresses, it becomes evident that the Swiftriver people are not who they say they are. The photographer and Riley's make-up assistant turn out to be fugitives running from a killer who murdered their wealthy father. The killer follows them all up a mountain where a photo shoot is to take place. The story quickly morphs into a survival/adventure tale as Riley, her father, and the other characters must flee from the danger of an approaching storm and an aggressive killer. In Riley Mae and the Ready Eddy Rapids, the family is fleeing with the former photographer and make-up artist to a resort hideaway where the killer can't find them. Many of the same characters are in the second book, in addition to a Somali boy who provides inspiration to Riley because of his courage in battling leukemia. By the conclusion of the second book, Riley has another narrow escape from the killer and is on her way to a foreign country to hide from the impending danger, setting the stage for the next book. This is a new offshoot series of "FaithGirlz!" (Zonderkidz) and the author does a good job of weaving Riley's religious life and activities into the story. At times, Riley turns to prayer and attends church services and activities. None of this is presented in a heavy-handed manner—just as a natural part of the protagonist's life. Though somewhat formulaic and predictable, the likable characters and fast-paced plot will appeal to readers who enjoy series fiction. Riley Mae is an athletic, gutsy character who presents a strong role model for girls who are underrepresented in action series. Give these to fans of the "Sammy Keyes" series by Wendelin Van Draanen (Random) and reluctant readers.—Tina Martin, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, IL

Jill Osborne works in children's ministry and has a passion for telling great stories. She has written plays, skits for youth groups and Sunday morning drama teams, curriculum for children's ministry, countless articles for her church newsletter, and a blog about taking a sabbatical in a motor home. Good News Shoes is her first series for kids, and she plans to run with it! Â Â Â

My 8 year old daughter deemed these books her favorite Christmas gift. She read 2 of them over Christmas break. She loves the adventure and suspense. I am thrilled that these books meet her advanced reading skill but have age appropriate content! She told me Riley Mae is learning to compromise and resolve conflict with her friends. Awsome book!

I was looking for a great Christian series for my daughter, and this delivered. Full of action,

suspense, and also girly, right up my daughter's alley. I love that girls can grow in their faith with this series. It was hard to put the book down for both my daughter and me. We bought the e-book.

This book was the kind of book that you can't put down! (I am 13 years old!!) It was a very neat book!

my daughter loved this book did not put it down

Was gift. Grandchild age 9 liked it.

Title: Riley Mae and the Rock Shocker Trek - Faithgirlz The Good News Shoes Book 1Author: Jill OsbornePublisher: Zonderkidz-BooksPublished: 1-28-2014Pages: 240Genre: Children's FictionSub-Genre: Christian; FriendsISBN: 9780310742944ASIN: B00HYN86R0Reviewed For NetGalley and Zonderkidz-BooksReviewer: DelAnneRating: 4.25 StarsRiley Mae is a young athletic girl who loves baseball, a sport she shares with her best friend. While at her father's work place she is unexpectedly approached by her father's client to be the spokesperson for the Swiftriver Shoe Company. Excited she begins a new adventure, but finds the fame she comes to know comes at a price. Missed games causes problems with her friend and the others on the team members. Everyone wants to be her and there is no privacy. There is no backing out even when she finds there is something going on at Swiftriver. After all she signed a contract and must honor it. A wonderfully clean read for young readers. This is a series that teaches as it entertains. Morals and right and wrong without preaching. I rated this book at 4.75 out of 5 stars. If you have a young reader looking for a series that is interesting and fun to read then give this series a try. I don't believe you will be disappointed.

The book for review is "Riley Mae and the Rock Shocker Trek" by Jill Osborne. It falls into the genre of juvenile fiction, religious, Christian and general. Riley Mae is your typical 12-year-old girl who loves her family, friends and softball. While at work with her dad she is approached by one of his clients, Swiftriver Shoe Company, to be their spokesperson for their line of sports sneakers. She gets to keep all the shoes she promotes while she will be in commercials and promotional gigs. The family wrestles between the good and bad of what this will do to her and their family lives. Deciding to go for it, Riley starts her new career. There is a huge problem though, it will interfere with her playing softball with her best friends. Something that

consumes her. It doesn't help that something isn't right with her employer as secrets are discovered and must be kept. She is locked into her contract, a fact her parents remind her enough times. The book had some spirituality sprinkled throughout the book. It was not over done and I felt the author did a good job in placing them where she did. However the plot of the story seemed a little weak. The set up for what was going on and how it was solved was not introduced as soon as I would have liked it. I was midway through the book and I wondered when would I see action or the action that would propel me to like the characters and how the evolved at the end of the book. I just felt it needed moreumph, more meat to the story line to make it a better read. The characters are likeable and I love how the family unit was portrayed in this book. The age group that this is geared for will like this book for it has the elements that is needed. I received this book for free in exchange for two honest reviews.

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"Your mom and I think it would be a shame to have some other girl's name on those shoes. As we've been praying, we've realized that this will be a good opportunity for you to learn and to grow, and God's given us peace about letting you be the Swiftriver spokesgirl." Riley's dad explains to his daughter in Jill Osborne's novel, "Riley Mae and the Rock Shocker Trek." First in the FaithGirlz "Good News Shoes" series, this one hundred and sixty-one page paperback targets middle school aged girls or preteens that enjoy clean Christian mysteries and sports. With no profanity or questionable situations, it would be apropos for females ages nine to twelve years old. There are intentional misspellings or all-letter capitalized words for emphasis. This reader wishes all pronouns of God were capitalized for reverence. In this quick tome, young Riley Mae Hart loves to collect and wears shoes, having over one hundred pairs of them in her closet. When she visits her father's advertising agency in Fresno, California, she is offered a position as spokesperson for Swiftriver, a maker of shoes designed for all types of athletes. After signing a contract, Riley is whisked away in the limelight doing commercials, television advertisements, and appearances wearing her brand name of shoes. Quickly tired of the constant schedule and attention, she misses her best friend, TJ, as the new season of girls softball starts. Rusty, a new girl being raised by her father with little financial means, becomes a good replacement of her position on the team. Doing advertising shoots with her Riley Mae shoes on, the preteen gets to know two Swiftriver employees, Flip and Fawn, yet she yearns to show

Rusty and others GodÃ¢â€šâ€s love for them. Torn between what she has to do and what she wants to do, her parents make sure she follows through with her commitments. When the Swiftriver team, her father, and others with her climb Half Dome in Yosemite for a magazine spread, not only are their physical abilities tried and tested, a few must depend on God to keep them safe. As an engaging beginning of a mystery series for young girls, Osborne connects with the age group as she hones in on GodÃ¢â€šâ€s grace, love, and compassion. Without preaching, the Word is lightly blended with believable experiences of a middle schooler. Thanks to BookLook Bloggers for furnishing this complimentary book in exchange for a review of the readerÃ¢â€šâ€s honest opinion.

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