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David Carson's ordered family life is thrown into devastating chaos when Brianna, a young teen, appears on the Carsons' doorstep, claiming to be David's daughter. The revelation of David's apparent betrayal staggers his wife, Susanne, and adds strain to an already fragile marriage. Will this shocking discovery drive the family apart, or will it draw them closer to God? Guaranteed fiction!

The Other Daughter Details

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Miralee says

A marriage is threatened by the arrival of a teen-aged daughter David didn't know existed...He and his wife Susanne are already struggling due to his commitment to Christianity and her hesitancy to embrace his faith.

This is my debut novel and the sequel, "Finding Jeena", will be on the shelves April 2010. Check out both books, as well as my historical romance, Love Finds You in Last Chance, CA., and Love Finds You in Bridal Veil, Oregon, on my web site at <http://www.miraleeferrell.com>

Olympia says

Although life has many tribulations, once you let God be the center of your life the peace that follows is unconditional how one sees things in a much brighter light. Easy read, about a family about to split but united through the love of God and each other.

Just - The romance reader says

Grab your tissues if you're going to read this one! It was a sweet and moving story that I really enjoyed. I definitely cried more than once while reading this one!

Jocelyn Green says

I love this book. I love the characters, the setting (near the Columbia River that divides Washington from Oregon), the plot, the moral dilemmas, the spiritual struggles, everything about it. This is a deeply emotional book without being melodramatic. And even though it never points a finger at the reader, I couldn't help but wonder how I would react if I were in the main characters shoes. Not every fiction book causes such introspection. The Other Daughter is powerful because of its own story, and because it casts light on my own spiritual life.

I asked Miralee if the characters' home was based on a home that she once had, and she said yes. Actually, she said a lot more than just the setting was based on her life. Here's what she told me, and said I could share this with you:

"Yes, the setting is real. I used our old home where we raised our kids as the pattern. It's only about 1 ½ miles away from where we live now. We had the stream with a wide spot with a pond that was dammed up, a lot of pasture for the horses, huge garden area, and tons of trails in the area for horseback riding. Also, Josh and Megan were drawn from my daughter and son at that age, both fairly close depictions as to personality and temperament. Another interesting side note is we had the same thing happen....only it was an 18 yr old girl sending us a letter saying she thought my husband could be her father (he was, we just didn't know about

her at until then...similar circumstances as to her birth....but we weren't dating yet when it happened). I was a strong Christian, he was more borderline and struggling at the time, so our roles in the book were reversed, and I didn't have a big problem with it like Susanne did, but encountered a few of the same emotions, but not the broken trust issues."

If you are looking for a page-turner that will not only entertain you but really make you think, pick up a copy of *The Other Daughter* (Amazon.com or ChristianBook.com would be easy places to find it). You won't be disappointed!

Y.I. Lee says

It's Susanne Carson's birthday and she's waiting for her husband David to get home from work and take her for a celebratory meal. The doorbell rings, and Susanne opens it to find a young girl standing there clutching a battered suitcase, and claiming to be her husband's daughter.

Other Daughter is not the sort of book I would normally read. But it came well recommended, and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to read it. This is a Christian book, but it is certainly not preachy! It is well written, honest and at times gritty and certainly challenging. As I read, I found myself wondering how I would react in such a situation. If the product of my husband's one night stand appeared on my doorstep. Very much like Susanne I think. Even as a Christian, I would find the situation very hard to cope with. Having had a difficult childhood, I could relate to young Brianna. I could feel her unhappiness and insecurity, her need to be loved and accepted.

I could also see things from Susanne's perspective. First the shock of her husband David's infidelity; and then trying to cope with her own emotions. The insecurity and anger, engendered by the situation she found herself in.

The characters in the book were totally believable, I felt drawn to each one, especially Susanne's daughter Megan. I loved the way she accepted Brianna and cared about her. As did Grandfather and Susanne's mother Clair.

As for Brianna's uncle, what a nasty piece of work he is! He drops the child off at Susann's house and drives off without so much as a by-your-leave!

Other Daughter is a brill book with lots of twists and turns. There's excitement and heart tugging emotion. I loved the honesty in this book.

It's the sort of story that remains with you long after you've read it.

If this is Miralee Ferrell's debut novel, then I can't wait for the next book.

Chandra says

I really enjoyed this Christian themed story of a family coping with the arrival of a child that nobody knew existed...and the ramifications that it had on all members of the family, as well as the workings God had in all of their lives.

Maureen Timerman says

The girl standing at the door took a deep breath, pulling her suitcase a little closer to her trembling legs. “My mama’s dead. He’s my daddy.”

Susanne Carson knows that she can trust the love of her life—her husband, David—until she discovers a strange, unkempt young girl on their doorstep, claiming to be David’s daughter.

Not that their marriage has ever been perfect—David’s decision to embrace the Christian faith has strained their relationship. Susanne may not agree with his beliefs, but at least she trusts him. Has David been hiding this not-so-little secret from his past? He wants Susanne to believe in God, but believing hasn’t done much to keep David out of another woman’s arms. What else could her husband be hiding?

As David confronts the truth of his past, Susanne must face her own moment of truth as her marriage is taken to the breaking point and the life of one young girl is left in her hands.

Can you even imagine something like this happening? I enjoyed this book and it was a very fast read. I loved that Brianna was a very sweet girl. Davids and Susanne's two children unconditionally accept the new sister. While David withholds his Love and Susanne turns her head. I loved the way Brianna made her way into their hearts ...including Susanne's Mom! The other unconditional acceptance came from Grandfather.

This book will make you cry and warm your heart as they realize they must lean on the Lord.

christina says

Great fun lending to a true story!

Barri Bryan says

Susanne Carson has a good husband, two great children, and a loving mother. She is content. She is also smug, childish, and self-centered. One cloudy May afternoon the ringing of her front door bell, and the appearance of a bedraggled young teenage girl turns her world upside down. The girl insists that Susanne's husband, David is her father. Susanne knows this can't be true. Her husband is a Christian. To her that equals morally above reproach, or does it? Susanne has a hard road to travel before she finds salvation, and learns the true meaning of compassion and forgiveness.

This is a great Christian love story. I highly recommend it.

Tamela says

I read this book when it was still in manuscript form. Miralee's first book is spectacular! Can you imagine

opening the door and finding a girl you didn't know your husband fathered, expecting to live with you? Miralee handles the resulting conflict very well as the girl, dropped off on the doorstep by her uncle, becomes a part of her new family, gaining not only a father and a new mother, but siblings as well. A must-read!

Dolores Ayotte says

"The Other Daughter" is the first novel I have read by Author Miralee Ferrell. Although I have read and reviewed several books, this one touched me in a special way. It is definitely Christian Fiction but not overdone in that department which is what I found most appealing about it. I did not find it too preachy yet it managed to get its message across.

Susanne Carson, one of the main characters, receives an unexpected and unwanted surprise on her birthday. A thirteen year old girl shows up at her door claiming to be her husband's daughter. Susanne soon discovers that her high school sweetheart, David, now husband and father to their two children, had a one night stand the summer that they became engaged. This brief encounter resulted in the birth of a daughter, Brianna, whom David did not know existed. The untimely death of Brianna's mother brings her to her father's doorstep needing a place to stay. Her nefarious uncle drops her off without a word of explanation and leaves her to fend for herself.

Susanne, does not behave well under the circumstances. She is not only struggling with loving and accepting Brianna, she is also in personal turmoil about accepting Christ into her life. David has done so before his marriage to her and shortly after his indiscretion with Brianna's mother.

This story reminds me a bit of the parable of the Prodigal Son. Although David openly professes his Christianity and has every desire for his wife to become Christian, both of these adults show very poor behavior toward Brianna. They are not unlike the two brothers in the Prodigal Son where one wants to make his own way and the other sees himself as a loyal son. David does not behave any more Christ-like than Susanne in his behavior toward Brianna. In fact, their other two children, Meagan (11) and Josh (8), demonstrate remarkable love and acceptance toward their new found sister which both parents would be wise to learn from and emulate.

There are few surprises in this well-written novel, yet it is still a delight to read. It brought me great pleasure to witness both parents as they spiritually mature. They show much growth when they finally decide to work together in order to make the right choices concerning the newest addition to their young family. There is a bit of a cliff-hanger at the end concerning one of Susanne's friends, Jeena. She has been a negative influence on Susanne, especially at the time of Brianna's appearance. I'm sure there's more to come...at least I hope so!!

Suzanne says

Pretty good. Kinda preachy. I just skipped when it was over done. Don't think I'll read any other books by this author, but the story line was okay.

Amy says

Great story and can relate to life as we know it.

Melissa says

Great spiritual message. Girl shows up on a family's doorstep claiming to be the daughter of the husband/father.

Cindy says

Excellent mystery. Christian but won't beat ya to death. Best inspirational this year! No graphic sex, foul language, or gore, anticipation galore. ©2007
Highly recommended.
