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Savvy Smith, 15, sees her chance to write a full column in the paper, making her name and making her way in her new hometown near London, England. But the choices she faces when given the chance to choose between friends, family, and fame may turn her dream into a nightmare. London Confidential is a new series where British fashion, friendships, and guys collide, and an all-American girl learns to love life and live out her faith.

Through Thick & Thin Details

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Sally says

Ever wonder what it would be like as a teen if your family moved to Great Britain? Sandra Byrd, the author of the 4-book London Confidential series, takes the reader on such a venture in her tween/teen novels: Asking for Trouble and its sequel, Through Thick & Thin. They introduce 15-year-old Savannah Smith (Savvy for short) from Seattle, Washington whose family relocates "across the pond."

In this continuing story, Savvy struggles with obedience versus following her own desires. Can she have both? At school and at home, she faces opposition to the inner voice of God. In a world that's not perfect, neither is Savannah. Despite that, she bears her heart to the reader. Even more of a reason the reader will identify with and love this character.

If you don't own book 1, Asking for Trouble, you'll want to start there. Book 2 is a seamless continuation of the first installment. And be sure to keep your eyes peeled for books 3 & 4 due out later this year.

Lori Twichell says

Once again, Sandra Byrd brilliantly explores the teenage mind and examines how seeking approval can get Savvy into and out of troubled messes. My favorite part of reading these books is that Savvy not just learns her lesson, she consults God's word and His guidance for her choices.

I love this series of books and this one was no exception. If you have a tween in your home, these are excellent books to not only give her, but to read along with her. Byrd presents exceptional opportunities in these books to have a better understanding of the tween mind but also to talk with your daughter about choices and their consequences. Once again, this is on my recommended list for tweens and their moms!

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Faith says

This Book is really good, I feel, because I feel like a lot of teens, spiritual, or not can relate to it in some way. this was an easy read, and I loved it!

Galaxy Adventurer says

So I have been looking for this book and realized the only way I will be able to read it is if I buy it used off of amazon...now I am trying to decide if I just want to skip it for now or if I should buy it...

Mikayla says

I liked the first book in this series. This one... not as much. It still had great characters and a pretty good message. But, I found myself irritated about how shallow Savvy's problem's were. I mean bad hair day's and fashion problems just didn't make me feel very sympathetic towards her. I appreciate the author trying to deal with issues a lot of kids probably have though. I can see some kids enjoying this, but I personally wished for something deeper.

I thought it was rather unrealistic that Savvy (view spoiler) But I did really love that their were real consequences, and they hurt.

Overall, cute story for younger teens, probably just a bit to young for me now.

The Sheepgirl says

I'm a teenager living in the real world. Some days are good, some days I just don't talk about, and sometimes hilarious things happen to me. This is my favorite kind of book; a slice of what COULD be my life. Sandra's writing keeps me curious, laughing, and thinking about the choices I make every day.

Generally, I'm not a fan of sequels, but 'Through Thick and Thin' kept me just as interested as 'Asking for Trouble.' I can't wait for the next two!

Kathleen Stewart says

The way Sandra Byrd writes is easy for me to easlily relate to what's happening in the novel. I love how the book gives us a taste of the British life but also combines it with what teens worry and care about today as well. I really enjoyed the adventures Savvy has in "Through Thick and Thin". I makes me happy that she adjusts to living in a new country and that it seems real, like how someone really would react to moving to England if they were a teen.

Laura says

Title: THROUGH THICK AND THIN

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Genre: Inspirational/young adult

Savvy Smith, 15, is living in London with her family and still struggling to make friends. She has her job delivering school newspapers, and her secret column Asking for Trouble but she is lacking a true friend. But then, Penny, one of the popular girls notices Savvy and starts being a little friendly.

Penny manages to get Savvy tickets to the fashion show happening on a local estate, and the editor at the paper promises Savvy she'll finally have her name on a by-line. But then Savvy makes a mistake—a serious

one—and finds herself grounded.

Her choices? Hand the tickets over to another girl at the newspaper and possibly lose Penny as a friend, or keep a promise she made to her younger sister. This may turn Savvy's dream into a nightmare.

I thoroughly enjoyed this second book in the London Confidential series by Ms. Byrd. Savvy is a realistic character that any young teen girl can identify with and Ms. Byrd writes with realism and wit.

My two daughters completely love this series (we discovered it on book three) and so I was so thankful when the author sent me books one, two and four so we could complete it. If you are looking for a great series for your daughter to put under the Christmas tree then the London Confidential series would be excellent. Great series. \$6.99. 280 pages.

Reading Vacation says

REVIEW

This adorable series was quick and fun to read. Savvy is the type of teen girl that I hope to be like. She is spunky, funny, and she never gives up. Savvy is a great role model for other girls to follow and I could relate to her.

There is plenty of London-speak in these books, and I could tell that Sandra Byrd had done her homework. The setting is so different from the United States, and I liked reading about Savvy's school.

The plot moves nicely from one book to the other as Savvy adjusts to her new life in London. She works hard to get a job with the school newspaper, ponders a date for May Day Ball, and must overcome temptation.

The overriding theme of this Christian series is to be true to yourself. The message is delivered in a wonderfully fun story. Thank you to Sandra Byrd for sending these books for me to review.

RATING

4 Plot

4 Characters

4 Attention Grabbing

4 Girlie Meter

4 Ending

20 TOTAL

4 STARS

Stacey says

Cute book with a relevant message to young girls about being yourself, even in the midst of change and peer pressure. My 8 year old daughter loves this series and so do I. I love reading it with her.

Amy says

This is a fun series for younger readers

Jill Williamson says

Review by Jill Williamson

The London Confidential series is where British fashion, friendship, and guys collide, and where an all-American girl learns to love life and live out her faith.

Savvy's dream is to write a full article in the school newspaper. She comes up with the perfect idea. A fashion show. An even if she manages to score tickets to the illusive event, can she convince her editor to give her a chance to write the article? Savvy is going to have to bend some rules and twist some arms to get things to go her way. Will putting that much strain on her friends and family be worth it?

I love this series. This is book two in Sandra Byrd's London Confidential series about Seattle native, Savvy Smith, whose family moved to the suburbs of London. She has settled in at her new school and is trying very hard to make friends. Savvy is a lot of fun to read about. I enjoy experiencing high school in a different country where English isn't quite the same. These books are quick reads in a mass market paperback size. They are fun and always get you thinking about the choices you make. If you haven't read them yet, be sure to start with book one. We reviewed it here. These books are great reads for girls 12 and up.

Jennifer Wilson says

This is the second book in the series, and it was just as good. In fact, better because I already knew the characters. It was a fast paced fun read and would be great for any teenager. I was surprised the first one didn't have much about God in it since it was published by a Christian imprint. This one had much more in it than the first one.

Lindsey says

Savvy finally makes friends and is content with her life. This book was good better than the first.

Laurie says

I was pleasantly surprised that the title does not refer to weight gain and loss. London Confidential is a great title for this series. While this book helped me get to know Savvy and some of her schoolmates better, one was left a mystery, which had me reaching for book three right away.
