

1: Book Review: My Hands Came Away Red | Stray Thoughts

Praised by Publishers Weekly as "fast-paced," "thought-provoking," and one of the "best novels of the year," My Hands Came Away Red will take you deep into the jungle with Cori as she desperately searches for answers and a safe way home.

Showing of 7 next show all I need to reveal two things here at the beginning. First, I generally loathe Christian fiction. Check that - I generally despise fiction that is published by Christian publishing houses. Maybe I find the stories too tame, unrealistic, or cliché. Maybe and more probably this is just part of my general reaction against the profit-making machine that is the Christian subculture. So a natural question would be, "Why in the world did you read this book published by Moody? Second, when Alida my wife and I moved out to Southern California we had a hard time finding a church. When we finally did we put down roots in an adult education class at Lake Avenue Church called Crossroads. During one of our first visits we met this very interesting and intelligent young woman named Lisa. She helped us feel welcome in the class and held our interest with her funny banter and Australian accent. We became friends very quickly. Well, after some time had passed we discovered that among other things Lisa was an author and that her first book was going to be published by Moody. Therefore, we simply had to read it! So this book centers around a quirky girl named Cori who decides to go on a mission trip. Her adventure leads her to Indonesia, where she and her new mission-trip friends assist a church there in various ways, including through the construction of a new building. Unfortunately for the characters but fortunately for the readers all hell breaks loose as these teenagers find themselves in the crossfire of the religio-political battle between Islamic and Christian factions in Indonesia. Just as the building they work so hard to erect is burned to the ground, their psyches are smashed to pieces due to the horrors they see and experience. The characters are forced to rely on one another and God as they attempt to find their way back to their homes. My honest opinion of the book is that it was a fascinating and fast read. Sometimes when you hear that a book is a page-turner you might think that it must be light, beach reading or something like that. My Hands is certainly not a light read! However, the way that Lisa builds the tension in the story makes the reader want to discover the fate of these kids. Therefore, I found myself up at ungodly hours reading this book when we all know that I should be getting my beauty sleep! Another major strength of the book is the honesty that Lisa exhibits as she navigates the sensitive political and religious terrain of Indonesia. From my limited exposure to Christian fiction this is the exception, not the rule. All in all, you should read this book if you have time No, I say that because she has penned a first-rate novel! Inspired by happy visions of building churches and seeing beautiful beaches, she gladly escapes her complicated love life back home. Six weeks into the trip, a conflict that has been simmering for years flares to deadly life on the nearby island of Ambon. Before they can leave, Cori and her teammates find themselves caught up in the destructive wave of violence washing over the Christian and Muslim villages in the area. So the Australian teen decides to join a missions trip for the summer in Indonesia. The plan was to witness to the locals and build them a church. The team was expecting to come back with stories of how they saved the village. Instead they find themselves running for their lives after the pastor of their village is brutally murdered in a religious battle. Along the way they experience trials and tribulations that no one their age should ever face and that will leave them scarred for the rest of their lives. Word of mouth promotion really does work. And I was not disappointed at all. This book is intense. The story will linger in your mind for days. You need to be in the right frame of mind to read this book. It is on my list of things to do before I die. So while reading this book, I did get a little of what could happen if I went to someplace like that part of Indonesia. The teens in this book are wise beyond their years. It was heartbreaking to read about the emotional turmoil they were going through just trying to get home. It was just incredible about everything they went through: Even though the characters in this book are teenagers, the subject matter is quite serious so at least older teens should be reading this. It was also sad to see how the two religions are at wars with each other. Obviously those people are not the best representatives of Christianity. I agree with others that this was one of the best Christian fiction books published in Lisa McKay has made her mark in the publishing world. I encourage everyone to

read to this book. I guarantee it will have a major impact on you. Six weeks into the trip a conflict that has been simmering for years flames to deadly life on the earby island of Ambon. Within days the church they helped build is a pile of ashes, its pastor and many villagers are dead.

2: My Hands Came Away Red Archives - YA Indulgences

My Hands Came Away Red has ratings and reviews. Laurie said: One of the best books, Christian or otherwise, that I've read in a long time. One of.

She thought a missionary trip might put things into perspective for her. On Ambon, Indonesia, they meet missionaries Tim and Allison, and Daniel, the pastor of the small congregation for whom they are going to build a church. His son, Mani, who is about their age, works with them on Seram building the church. At first, they have a lot of fun and find satisfaction in working on the church, but, as they listen to stories told by Daniel and Mani, they realize that Seram faces tension with its Muslim neighbor village. When an emergency calls Gary and Diane away, the teens remain behind to finish the church. Then the unthinkable happens! For the next three weeks, Mani leads them through the jungle and over the waters as the teens face terror, weakness, and death. He becomes a rock to them- Mani the heroic. McKay frames the story by having Cori begin the book after the ordeal in Indonesia has ended. She tells the story so realistically at times that I had to remind myself this was a novel. It reads a lot like stories of the lost boys of Sudan. As Cori turns to the scripture for some explanation, Psalm 55, Joshua 1: Nor are they immediately free of all doubts and struggles. The trauma they face changes all of them, especially Cori. Lisa McKay has written a compelling, powerful story on a subject too often ignored in fiction; the persecution of Christians. She shows the confusion, the lies, the dangers of vengeance upon vengeance that destroys a people. Wilson, Christian Book Previews. Cori signs up to take a mission trip to Indonesia during the summer after her senior year of high school. Inspired by happy visions of building churches and seeing beautiful beaches, she gladly escapes her complicated love life back home. Five weeks after their arrival, a sectarian and religious conflict that has been simmering for years flames to life with deadly results on the nearby island of Ambon.

3: First Line Friday: My Hands Came Away Red + giveaway â€“ Faithfully Bookish

Lisa is author of the novel My Hands Came Away Red, which was a Christy finalist. She has also authored Continuing Education modules for mental health professionals on understanding, assessing and treating acute stress, and writes a monthly series of stress management tips for humanitarian workers, Peace by Piece.

Scott is not a believer, but he wants to marry Cori. So Cori needs time away to think, to sort things out. After meeting the mission leader and the five other teens who will be going on the trip, they spend several days in a grueling boot camp. Then they travel on to Indonesia where they will help build a church as well as performing puppet shows and such. They meet Mani, the son of the local pastor, whose English is best and who acts as an unofficial liaison between the mission group and the church folks. The group learns there is a tenuous peace between the Christian and Muslim villages. But, though they are advised to be careful, no serious trouble is expected. As the leader, Gary, makes hasty plans to get the group ready to leave, the kids protest. They can finish the church in the next couple of days and catch the next boat to meet up with Gary. When the church is finished, the teens decide it needs a cross on top, so they go into the woods to find a suitable log. Nearing the village on their return, they hear angry voices. Mani stops the group close enough to listen, but far away enough not to be seen. Men from a neighboring Muslim village are angry that Christians have attacked their village, and, grouping all Christians together, they call on this village to answer for it. The horrified and shaken teens head back into the woods. Mani says it would be no use to try to go back to the village. Their best bet would be to hike through the mountains to a neighboring village and then to the airport. Thus begins a harrowing three-week journey in which the teens are tested in almost every imaginable way. I found the story riveting. And secondly, as a parent of young people, I can imagine what the parents went through with news of fighting in the area and no word from their kids. On top of the physical hardships and mental and emotional strain they all face, some of them, especially Cori, wrestle with their faith. Yet, to whom else can they turn? Before this summer those words [Romans 8: I knew they were true the same way I knew it really was good for me to eat my green vegetables. God is good, and everything works out for the best. And I hardly saw how that might produce a rich crop of faith, hope, and peace in my life. Unless it was in my heavenly life. Which, as much as I believed in heaven, was hardly a comforting thought. And I love the Jip and Kiki story game that started back in boot camp and helped distract the kids on their trek. I had heard this book highly recommended years ago and have had it on my TBR list since then. Somewhere recently I read that someone bought the rights to the book for a movie, and the book was being re-released. That brought it to the forefront of my attention again, so I decided now was a good time to read it. I am glad I did. I hope the film does it justice.

4: My Hands Came Away Red, Lisa McKay. (Paperback) Used Book available for Swap

On my blog, I shared the first line of Alessandro D'Avenia's "White as Silence, Red as Song," but here I will share something from my current read, "Strange Grace" by Tessa Gratton.

5: My Hands Came Away Red by Lisa McKay | LibraryThing

In the novel My Hands Came Away Red by Lisa McKay, eighteen-year-old Cori decides to spend her summer on a backpacking mission trip in Indonesia. Though she has a vague desire to do good, to help people, to "spread the love of Jesus," her main purpose for going is to get some time away from Scott, her boyfriend.

6: My Hands Came Away Red Re-Release!

Cori signs up to take a mission trip to Indonesia during the summer after her senior year of high school. Inspired by happy visions of building churches and seeing beautiful beaches, she gladly escapes her complicated love life back

home.

7: Books similar to My Hands Came Away Red

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8: My Hands Came Away Red by Lisa McKay

Thinking largely of escaping a complicated love-life and having fun on the beach, eighteen-year old Cori signs up for a ten-week trip to help build a church on a remote island in Indonesia.

9: Christian Book Previews - My Hands Came Away Red by Lisa McKay

In this fast-paced, thought-provoking debut novel, McKay, a psychologist who works with humanitarian relief, explores injustice, religious reconciliation, suffering and faith through the eyes of an.

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