

Leslea Wahl - Catholic Author



Leslea Wahl is an award-winning Catholic author of adventurous teen mysteries. Leslea not only writes for teens but she also has become a reviewer of Catholic and Christian teen fiction. Her journey to become an author came through a search for value-based fiction for her own children. She now strives to be an advocate for other families who are battling against society's secular messages by offering book suggestions, in multiple genres, that reflect Christian values.

There are three messages Leslea would love to relay to parents facing this struggle.

- Catholic/Christian YA novels do not need to be boring or preachy. Today there are many incredible faith-filled adventures that are written specifically for teens.
- Teens can deepen their faith through fictional stories. Jesus himself reached people through stories and parables. Seeing how characters deal with problems can show teens a positive way to handle situations they face.
- Edifying books can be hard to find, but they do exist. Leslea can suggest places where families can discover these books.

Leslea's faith-based teen novels have won numerous awards: a First and Second Place Catholic Press Association Award, a First Place Reader's Favorite Award, two Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, two Illumination Book Award Silver Medals, and a Colorado Independent Publishers Association Award.

Each of Leslea's books has an underlying message for teens such as: using your gifts from God to help others, discovering who God wants you to be, answering God's call, putting God first, being a witness to others, and the power of forgiveness.

Leslea not only posts her book reviews on her own website but loves to share these wonderful faith-filled books with others. She is a frequent guest on Jedlie's Reading With Your Kids Podcast. She is a review contributor for CatholicMom.com, Christian Book Fair, Catholic365, and Today's Catholic Homeschooler. Leslea is also a founding member of the joint website CatholicTeenBooks.com.

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