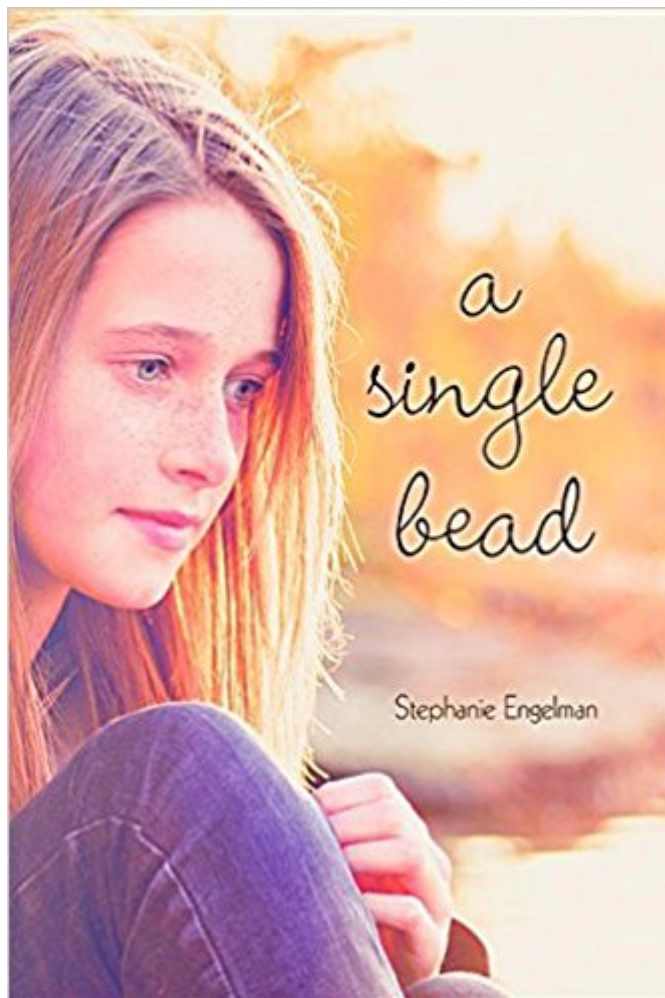


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# A Single Bead



## Synopsis

On the anniversary of the plane crash that took the life of her beloved grandmother and threw her own mother into a deep depression, 16-year-old Katelyn Marie Roberts discovers a single bead from her grandmothers rosary-a rosary lost in the crash. A chance encounter with a stranger, who tells Katelyn that a similar bead saved her friends life, launches Katelyn and her family on a mysterious journey filled with glimmers of hope, mystical events and unexplained graces.

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## Customer Reviews

This novel is "teen fiction" in the same way that Harry Potter and Hunger Games are, except that in addition to being written about a teen, it actually contains a great message for teens. As an adult, I found quite a bit of depth to it, and enjoyed it very much. Would love to see a sequel!

Wow! What a beautiful story!! While the story is of a Catholic nature, I think it would be a great faith renewing read for anyone. Character development is one of my favorite characteristics of a good book. Stephanie did an excellent job of giving the reader enough information and description about the characters and relationships without dragging it out. The book is short but very sweet! Highly recommend...

A Single Bead, by Stephanie Engelman, is not only well written: it tells a good story and taps into the heart of the reader. It's good fiction that has Catholic themes. If you're not Catholic, you'll still

enjoy it. If you are Catholic, you'll "get" it. The storyline explores death and prayer, but in a completely natural way. It also considers how adults don't have it all together, how families, though imperfect, can pull together through hardship, and ways to pray and not be a total dork about it. This book, while being unabashedly Catholic and Christian, is not unabashedly boring. It explores grief and depression and faces the burden of both. It's also a perspective that feels very real: the teens in this book aren't goody-two-shoes who pray all day, and there's even a scene where there's a "speed rosary" prayed. (That made me laugh.) The characters have their flaws and foibles, just like real people. As someone who's been hanging around teens for the last few years (though not living with them, tis true), it struck me as very spot on.

Five stars just aren't enough for this beautiful, inspiring book! I know that it is aimed at teens, but I'm almost 35, and LOVED it! It was so relatable, and well...perfect, that I found it hard to read at times through the tears that were gathering at my eyes. Not to spoil the ending for anyone, but at the end of the book, I found myself wondering about the rest of the story, and then the last line... It begs for a sequel that I look forward to reading one day!

Every Catholic YA, Middle-Schooler, parent, etc. should read this story! I'm buying copies for my nieces and daughters' friends. Young people in all phases of their faith journeys can relate to the main character. This book is sure to bring many home!

If you are a devout Catholic and would like to read a sweet story that does include a loss of a special loved one, this book is for you. In fact, if you are a Christian and know something about the Catholic religion, you will enjoy this book too!

I believe this book will help people to want to pray the Rosary and realize the great power of prayer! I recommended this book to my Mom who is a great believer in saying the Rosary. I am also going to buy this book and Rosaries for my children and grandchildren! Wonderfully written book and I want to thank the author as well as pray for her and her family.

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