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Patty says

I generally give "Inspirational" books a miss, but I thought the Canary Islands setting might make up for all the religious drivel. The setting and general story was okay, but I had to fast forward through all the platitudes and propaganda.

Kim says

I didn't have any real expectations for the actual story, but it was pretty funny to hear about this 45 year old woman who told her story as if she was an 85 year old woman incapable of love. Really?

Otherwise, it was a nice story.

Sarah says

Easy read, I loved the Spain setting, and the relationship between mother and daughter. A nice link to the Christy Miller series.

Trinity Rose says

Another wonderful book by Robin Jones Gunn. I love books about mother/daughter relationships and Canary Island Song is just that with romances included.

Carolyn lives in the US, but after being widowed for seven years and different things happening in her life, Carolyn decides to visit her Mom, for her 70th birthday in the Canary Islands. There Carolyn is reunited with her old boyfriend from her teen years and learns some new things and has many adventures.

Carolyn and Bryan are so sweet in their friendship and the things they share. Carolyn was close to the Lord before her husband died and Bryan didn't want anything to do with the Lord with his former girlfriend before she died. So after their partners died they each responded in a different way. Bryan loves the Lord dearly and Carolyn questions the Lord because her husband was taken. Will Carolyn come to see how much the Lord loves her and can Bryan be the one to show her?

I really love the warm, inviting feel of the Canary Islands I got from reading this book. It made me want to move to a place that has warm, breezes blowing by an ocean and experience the love of a large family and feel wanted and needed. When you read this book you will be swept away to an Island that is charming and full of peace.

I recommend Canary Island Song very much. A five star book for sure. I would love for all of you to enjoy this fantastic story that Robin so masterfully wrote with such descriptive words, that you can see the places in the story so clearly.

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review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255

Kelly says

Another great book by Robin Jones Gunn. I like how I get to visit other characters in some of her other books when I read ones that are not in the same series. I love the message in this book, and how well it demonstrates God's ability to change a person's heart.

Denise says

Robin Jones Gunn has done it again! She's written a very sweet, touching story set in the Canary Islands. She does a great job of bringing the reader to the islands. I feel as if I've had a vacation. Main character, Carolyn, finds rekindled love as she visits her mother. She finds healing from the hurts of her past and is ready for a new beginning. Her daughter, Tikki, is also visiting the island and gets a surprise visit that changes the course of her life as well. There are blessings scattered throughout this moving tale. You won't be disappointed in Canary Island Song.

Tara says

My favorite Robin Jones Gunn books are the Christy books and I love that there was a connection to them within this book

April says

The Canary Islands sound beautiful. There were some great thought provoking moments in the story. I like the statement that is attributed to Columbus in the book - "The time that is passed has been good. The time to come will be better."

Carolyn visits her mother in the Canary Islands and meets Bryan Spencer again. She met him when she visited at 18. He was one of her first loves. But she went home and married another love - Jeff. At the time of the story, Jeff has been dead for 7 years.

Carolyn and Jeff's daughter Tikki joins her in the Canaries.

Wouldn't it be lovely to be like the women of the Canaries and congratulate each other when you do something nice for yourself.

Janet says

This was the second book in the hideaway series.

I have enjoyed Robins' books for years but after reading this one I wonder if I have outgrown her.

I enjoyed the Christy and Todd books and also the Sisterchick books but this one just didn't sit well with me.

Carolyn goes to visit her mom and for a week, her daughter then shows up.

Her twin sister is never heard from again. I just didn't get the enjoyment out of this book.

Laura says

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I've loved some of Ms. Gunn's books—especially her Glenwood series. But this book was distant. It was told, not shown and unfortunately I never did connect or care for the characters. It took a long time for Carolyn to meet Bryan again, but mainly because she was in California, her twin sister was getting married, and she had a couple dates with a man who turned out to be married. Then she went to the Canary Islands, to surprise her mom for her birthday.

I enjoyed reading about the Canary Islands—the setting was very intricately described as were the activities they enjoyed, such as camel riding, Flamenco dancing, and the food. Ms. Gunn included pictures of her own trip to the Canary Island as well as her own Flamenco dancing, camel riding, and food experiences. 3 stars. \$14.99. 224 pages.

Angelyn says

Slow setup of story and characters. So I really enjoyed the last quarter of the book once everything got going.

Lena Morrison says

I do my reviews in the form of a letter, which is why they are written like this.

Dear Robin Jones Gunn,

I didn't find this book as good as I had hoped. There are a few reasons for that.

1. Carolyn is a much older protagonist than Christy, Sierra, or Katie, so it was just unusual. When I read one of your Sisterchick books more than a year ago, I felt the same way. I relate a lot more to younger characters, especially because they are my age. I also find it more entertaining to read when they are younger. The characters are more exciting and unpredictable. They are also a lot more "fresh."
2. Bryan and Carolyn's relationship wasn't all that exciting. It seemed that it was a more exciting relationship when they were teenagers. I was a little disappointed about that.

Other than that, though, the book was alright. Carolyn really had gone through a lot. She had a nice, solid character. She was believable and I was able to empathize with her. I was surprised at what she did with Bryan, and also at the way that Jeff had died. I liked her love story that she had had with both men. Carolyn's family was also great. I loved Abuela Teresa and Tikki. Tikki is such a beautiful name. It was very interesting to me to see who Tikki ended up with. I loved who it was and how all the characters were connected.

I must say, I want to visit the Canary Islands now. The food looks enticing and the scenery must be gorgeous. Although, I admittedly must say I am not a fan of Christopher Columbus. He was a very wicked and greedy man. So whenever you spoke of him in such a positive light in the book, I cringed.

I also really enjoyed the Spanish sayings at the top of the chapters. I speak Spanish fluently, and I think Spanish is such a beautiful, soft-sounding language.

Anyways, this book did have its issues, (but they were minor). I liked it regardless. Thank you for writing it.

Sincerely,
Lena Marie

Lydia Dyslin says

Canary Island Song by Robin Jones Gunn is the second book in the Hideaway series.

I wanted to read this book because it told the story of how Todd's father got married. I absolutely adore the Christy Miller series, so I was excited to start this book.

However, it was just such a boring book. There were a lot of pointless scenes about Carolyn's life before she

went off to the Canary Islands which I didn't care about. The Spanish stereotypes annoyed me and there were many, many scenes which just did not add to the book. There was also a lot of telling instead of showing, and I felt like the book lacked a solid plot.

I did enjoy hearing Bryan talk about his son, Todd, and his wife, Christy. I liked seeing what happened to Matthew Kingsley, who was in the Christy/Sierra book "Departures", and Tikki. They were a sweet couple.

But, overall, I was bored out of my mind and book dragged on for far too long for me to be able to recommend it unless you are a **HARDCORE** Christy Miller fan.

2 stars out of 5.

Keri says

I am a HUGE fan of Robin Jones Gunn and this book was no exception. She is such a gifted author and I really loved this story. I loved the lessons that Carolyn learned and it was wonderful to add learn more about Todd's dad Bryan. A wonderful book that I'm sure I will read again.

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Sara says

This made me want to go and visit the Canary Islands.
