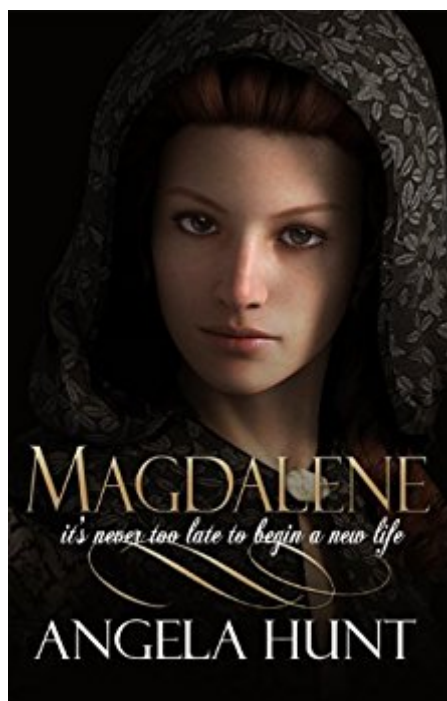


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Mary Magdalene The controversial woman with a past only one Man could forgive. A true love story that changed the face of history. "I was Miryam of Magdala, seller of fine fabrics and wife of Yaakov the fisherman. With my husband and son, I held a place of honor among my countrymen until a company of rogue soldiers took everything from me. I might not be Roman, but I knew injustice when I saw it. And I had been most grievously wronged." In an era when women are sequestered and silenced, Miryam of Magdala lives a contended life until her son's careless gesture evokes a hostile action that shatters her serenity. With no hope of justice, Miryam commits an unthinkable act and descends into depths of darkness that threaten her life and her sanity. Even after Yeshua the Messiah dramatically restores her life, Miryam can neither forget nor forgive unresolved injustices. Prodded by a hunger for vengeance she will not deny, this woman of uncommon courage risks her life and her heart by drawing destiny into her own hands.

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Customer Reviews

Magdalene by Angela Hunt is one of those rare, absorbing novels that grabs you from the first page and simply doesn't let go. Hunt fleshes out the biblical account of Mary Magdalene to create a fully

realized woman and give a biblically based answer to the portrait of Mary painted in Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code. Mary appears briefly in the New Testament, but at critical times. She is first mentioned in Luke 8 as being delivered from seven demons, and then following and supporting Jesus' ministry. She was at the cross when Jesus was crucified, and she was the first Jesus spoke to after the resurrection, and then she was charged with carrying the good news to his disciples. This was a woman who was clearly present at critical times during Jesus' time on earth, but as Hunt points out in the interview included in the back of the book, she has been terribly misunderstood, and the facts of her life have been grossly misinterpreted. She has been called everything from a prostitute to the most recent outlandish claim of being Jesus' wife. In Magdalene, Miryam is a respected businesswoman with a beloved family, until a foolish act by her oldest son brings the wrath of Rome upon her family, stripping Mary of everything she once held dear and filling her soul with an overwhelming bitterness and hate. Even after her descent into demonic possession and her miraculous deliverance through the touch of Jesus, Miryam's desire for retribution colors her perception of Jesus and his purpose on earth. Only when she discovers that God has used those who she labeled her enemies to prove his profound love and provision for her does she fully realize the meaning of forgiveness and the depth of God's grace.

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