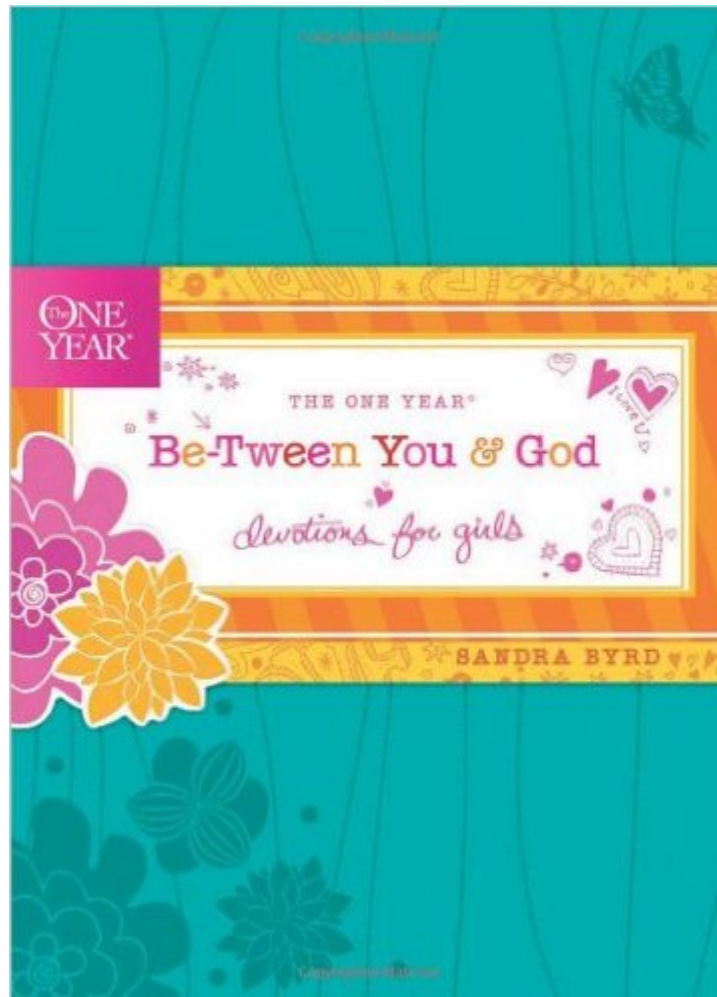


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# The One Year Be-Tween You And God: Devotions For Girls (One Year Book)



## Synopsis

This One Year book is a diary-style devotional for tween girls (9 to 14) that emphasizes their growing, special relationship with God. Each devotion begins with a statement, thought, or question to God. Every girl is likely to make these statements and ask such questions . . . many of which they may not want to share with other people. The book emphasizes that tween girls can have a relationship with God and that they can share their intimate thoughts, fears, insecurities, joys, etc. It lets girls know: it's between you and God. Questions/topics include the following: • I know I'm supposed to be close to you (God), but I don't really feel like it now. How can I change that? • Everyone talks about how I'm supposed to have faith, which is fine, except I don't really understand what faith actually is. • Each devotion gives biblically based insight into the subject.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This review is months overdue, but that is because my daughter has actually been and still is using The One Year Be-Tween You & God Devotional for Girls by Sandra Byrd. I had become discouraged about reviewing devotionals for tween girls until I found this one, which I can highly recommend. In the mornings, we have done it together and she has done it independently...without being reminded most of the time. I even caught her reading through it in the afternoons. First let me judge this book by its teal, leather cover with impressed flowers and butterflies that my daughter found so pretty and I found so functional. It has a journal-like quality, being under 7" x 5"

in size, making it rather convenient to carry along. It also has a gold ribbon bookmark that keeps her place quite nicely. I was at first disappointed that the book was not in pink, previously my daughter's favorite color, but lately she has been liking teal, so she was thrilled. Inside is not colorful, but not boring either; the pages have a girl-appeal, journal-like quality with decorative sections. A tab layered in flowers at the top with a date and beside it a note in a clean handwriting font with a question addressed to God, common and relevant to many pre-teen girls generally and specifically. Although the more specific might not be relevant to the child that day, the body of the message is still beneficial. Dear God, I'm afraid my grades will start to fall if I get one bad grade on a test, even though I'm usually a good student. Dear God, One of my friends gets mad if I "dare" to have another friend. I hung out with other friends, but I don't tell her. I feel dishonest. What should I do? Dear God, I'm only a kid, really. What can I do to tell others about you? I'm afraid if I speak up, people will laugh at me. The body of the page starts with: Consider this..." It is not preachy, but helps lead the child into a deeper thinking and change of perspective as a good devotional should. The advice given is gentle but firm, Biblical, and quite age-appropriate, like something a grandparent might say. At the bottom of each page is another note-like section that begins with "God says..." with a scripture. Next to it is "How About You?" with one or more questions to make it even more relevant and help the child to put what was learned into practical use. The one thing it lacked is a reminder to pray at the end of the pages. Personally, as an adult, I find such reminders in my devotionals annoyingly unnecessary, particularly when it is written about for what I should pray as if the devotional itself was not adequate to prompt a person on its own. However, considering the target age, I think a reminder to talk with God at the bottom of the page might have been beneficial for the girls who would be doing this devotional independently. So, I would suggest to parents to begin with the child guiding her through the devotional time process ending with a time for prayer, until the child seems prepared to take the initiative to spend this precious time independently with God guided with devotional. I received a complementary copy of this book from Tyndale House Publishers for my honest review.

Tyndale House Publishers and Sandra Byrd have come out with a WINNER! This tween devotional was released on October 1st and it HITS THE MARK! I read a few devotional thoughts to my 12 year old and 16 year old. The 12 year old LOVED them. The 16 year old said that most 14 year olds would think it was "too young for them". So, although it says it is geared towards 9-14 year olds, I think this devotional would be best suited for someone on the younger end of that age range. My 12 year old likes it so much that she has claimed it as her own IMMEDIATELY and has had devos

every morning since it arrived! That equates to a ROUSING endorsement from me! There is a great paragraph with stories or things to consider. There is Bible verse in NEW CENTURY VERSION (LOVE IT) and there is a "How About You?" section that encourages journaling or thinking about how the Bible and these thoughts apply to YOUR life. I typically prefer New Living Translation BUT was VERY pleased that NCV is used in this devotional as it is full of "every day" language. I just flipped through it again and found ANOTHER nugget! At the top, near the date, occasionally it says Earth Day or Open an Umbrella Indoors Day. The devotional thoughts on THOSE days are geared towards that national or international "holiday". For example, on Open an Umbrella Indoors Day, it talks about superstition and "bad luck". The verse reference is Colossians 2:8 "Be sure that no one leads you away with false and empty teaching that is only human, which comes from the ruling spirits of this world, and not from Christ." We have had a variety of devotional books over the years, including The Woman's Devotional Bible, iWorship Devotional Bible and His Princess: Love Letters from the King. This is the first devo book I've found that is perfectly suited for the tween in your life! To comply with the Federal Trade Commission regulations, I have received this complimentary copy of this book from Tyndale House Publishers in exchange for my unbiased review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

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