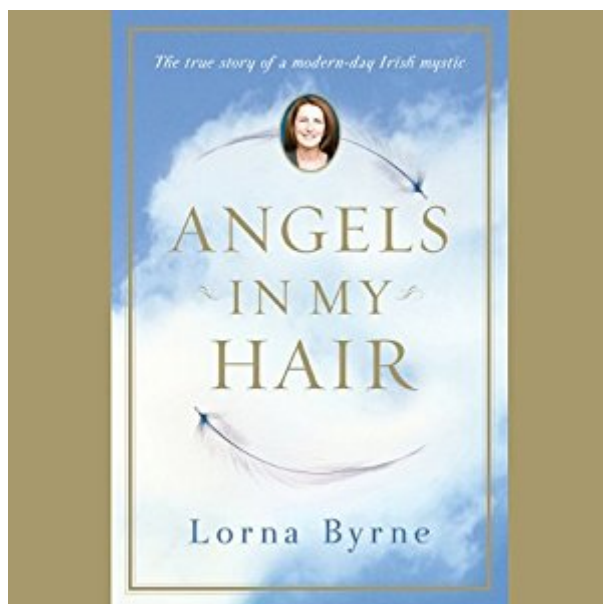


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Angels In My Hair



Synopsis

"Angels In My Hair" is the autobiography of a modern-day mystic, an Irish woman with powers of the saints of old. When she was a child, people thought Lorna was 'retarded' because she did not seem to be focusing on what was around her. Lorna remembers seeing not just the world around her but seeing, equally vividly, angels and spirits. For many years she assumed everyone saw the same. As Lorna tells the story of her life, growing up in a poor family, later working in Dublin, marrying and experiencing family tragedy, the reader meets, as she did, the creatures from the spirit worlds who also inhabit our own - mostly angels of an astonishing beauty and variety, including the prophet Elijah and an Archangel - but also the spirits of people who have died. Today, it is not only the sick and troubled who come to visit Lorna, looking for healing and consolation, but theologians of different faiths and the head of a religious order in Rome travel to see her for guidance and spiritual insight. This remarkable document is the testimony of a woman who sees things at the far end of the spectrum, beyond the range of our everyday experience. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Since the first wave of angel interest swept through our country in the early '90's, an estimated 250 books about them have been published. Some have concentrated on the spiritual aspects of angels, while others feature communicating with one's angel or angels in certain historical periods. Not every publication fits what the Bible teaches us about these heavenly beings, so it's important to use

discernment when choosing what to read. A few weeks ago, I was asked by Doubleday Publishers to review the newest of the angel books, titled "Angels in My Hair," by Lorna Byrne, a mystic who lives near Dublin, Ireland, and was coming to the United States to do a book tour. When I heard that the book is already a bestseller in the United Kingdom and will eventually be available in over 40 countries, I couldn't turn down the request. And I'm so glad I had the pleasure of both the book and a lovely conversation with Lorna herself. Once again it proves my own belief that angels are involved on earth in many areas today, and with many different people. Lorna was born into a poverty-stricken Irish family, and when she was two years old, her parents decided that she was mentally retarded, and would not benefit from formal education. Actually, Lorna was "different," but her apparent inattention was caused by her ability to see angels all around her, almost all the time. Like any young child, she originally assumed that everyone was able to see into this glorious world, but as she grew, she realized that this gift was hers alone, and it would be best if she kept it a secret. From this point on, she grew somewhat distant from the people around her, seeking only to obey the beautiful beings who had taken over her world. When Lorna reached early adolescence, she left school and went to work doing odd jobs for her father who ran an automobile garage. It was about that time when the angels laid out her future:: she would marry a man she loved very much and they would have children. But poverty would be the family's constant companion, her beloved husband Joe would die far too soon, and Lorna would be called upon to use her developing gifts of healing, knowledge and hope for people whom God would send to her. It all seemed far too disturbing for Lorna but, as always, she said "yes" to God, assuming He would guide her, through her angels, to the path He had chosen for her. The rest of this well-written volume outlines the difficulties she encountered (some extremely hard), her beautiful children who ended up encouraging her to come out of her self-imposed isolation and tell the world her story, and her plans to write additional books to help people understand how important angels are.. "Whether you believe it or not, you have your own angel," Lorna tells each of us. "He was assigned to you before you were even conceived, and he will be there to help you pass over." This does not mean life is perfect---we still must go through our human lives, she explains, but angels are intended to be our companions and guards, especially during the hardships that come to all of us. The book is a blessing. Read it and rejoice!

I want to start by saying that I definitely DO believe in the angelic realm and, being Catholic, I do believe that we all have Guardian Angel(s) and Guides. So I was attracted to this book b/c I was very open to reading about someone's experience with angelic beings. I do not doubt that such

experiences and communications are possible, and I have personal reasons for believing it, though not anything like what Lorna Byrne claims to have. On the plus side, I find this book comforting in that it confirms my own belief that we are protected, guided and cared for. I loved reading about how her angels love Lorna and her family, bring about circumstances to help her, and generally rejoice with her and share her sorrows. That is a comforting thought! I do not have a problem, as one reviewer did, with Lorna's claim that the angels said that people did not listen to them enough, and so they were not able to avert certain tragedies. The reviewer was asking why God could not directly intervene to save the child in the book. However, God very rarely suspends natural laws. True miracles do occur, but they are very rare, and most often God works through human beings. He will not usually interfere with our free will. Thus, He gives us angels to guide us, and yes, "whisper in our ear" so to speak, to help us make right choices and also to intervene to help others, oppose evil, and avert tragedies. But the ultimate choice lies with us because of our God-given free will. As some reviewers pointed out, I, too, found it odd that Lorna never mentioned Jesus, although she described her visions of "God" as looking very much as Christ might have looked on earth. It is suspect to me that this book seems to be bending over backwards to be politically correct and not offend anyone by mentioning the name of Jesus. Perhaps Lorna does not believe in the Blessed Trinity, though she claims to be Catholic? Not a criticism, as she is free to believe as she chooses; it's just an observation of something that does seem to stick out like a sore thumb. I also disagree with her explanation of the Blessed Virgin. As Catholics, we revere Mary as the holiest human being, but unlike her son Jesus, she is fully human and NOT a deity. Although I would love to totally put my belief behind this book and give it a 5-star rating, several other disturbing features prevent me from doing so. First of all, her experiences often seem a little "over the top," as other reviewers have said. Someone had a problem with her free-and-easy relationship with Archangel Michael, but I'm not sure that in the book she ever described him as THE Archangel Michael; she just called him "Angel Michael," and I guess there could be lots of angels with the same names. But even so, if we can have a close and intimate, "friendly" relationship with Jesus and Mary and the Saints, why not St. Michael the Archangel, too? So that really doesn't bother me. The thing that did bother me the most, though, was the fact that several times the angels took on "fortune-telling" roles and told Lorna terrible things that were going to happen to her and her loved ones. The worst instance was showing her, in a vision when she was just a child, the man she would marry, and then going on to tell her that he would be very sickly, she'd have to take care of him, and he would not grow old with her. It's bad enough that life eventually blindsides us with hardship, tragedy and grief, but to have that pre-knowledge haunting you for your whole life constitutes mental cruelty, IMO! They also told

her that her father was going to die, and their explanation that she had to experience his life from conception to death for him, in order to help him go to heaven, did not make sense to me. She herself even questioned why they would tell her such heartrending things, and they usually would not answer her. I could have understood it if the angels were warning her about a bad event or death that could be prevented somehow by Lorna's having that knowledge, but to just ruin her joy by telling her terrible things that were going to happen way in advance seems heartless and cruel, and not what I would expect from heavenly beings. In the past, I sometimes have had premonitions of bad things that later happened, and to me it's a curse to have that knowledge, not a blessing. I never want to know the future, and I always pray that I NOT be shown something bad that's going to happen UNLESS there is something I can do about it. There were other things that Lorna was asked to do that did not seem to make sense, but then, perhaps I just don't understand the way of the heavenly realm. One incident that seemed to have no real purpose was Lorna's confrontation with Satan, while she claimed to also be in the presence of God. What was the point of that? God was shown to be stronger, of course, and He dispelled Satan from her presence, but the whole episode seemed unnecessary to me, since Lorna had been ostensibly doing God's work with the angels for her whole life! Satan does come to tempt us, and if Lorna had been subjected to great temptation or fear during the course of her life, it would make more sense than Satan's just appearing and standing there like the boogeyman!! I also question the fact that Lorna claims that for most of her life she had no close friends b/c the angels "preferred her to be solitary." That doesn't sound right, b/c this is what evil entities will often do -- want to isolate you from other people. Perhaps it's b/c it would be hard for Lorna to have a close friendship with someone who didn't know about her "inner life" and her "secrets." But it just raises another question in my mind. I also wondered why even after Lorna was grown, working and living what seemed to be a productive life, some of her relatives still referred to her as being "retarded" or mentally deficient in some way? What about Lorna (besides seeing the angels, but by adulthood she seemed to be dealing with this quite well) would make people refer to her this way? Perhaps it's just a matter of ignorant, malicious behavior on the part of her relatives, but it makes me wonder whether we are getting the whole story here!! I picked up this book to be uplifted and encouraged, and sometimes it did that, but in all honesty, most of the time I found it depressing. Although I do communicate with my own angels and guides (in a much less dramatic way), this book made me just glad that I don't have Lorna's gift, b/c it seems more a burden than anything else. It seems like the angels often brought her sorrow more than peace and joy. After every encounter I've had with my own spiritual protectors, I always felt loved and comforted, not troubled and sad. But then, who am I to say? I can only review this book from my

own perspective, and I am the first to admit it could be flawed. I am giving my honest feelings, but every reader will have to draw his or her own conclusions.

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