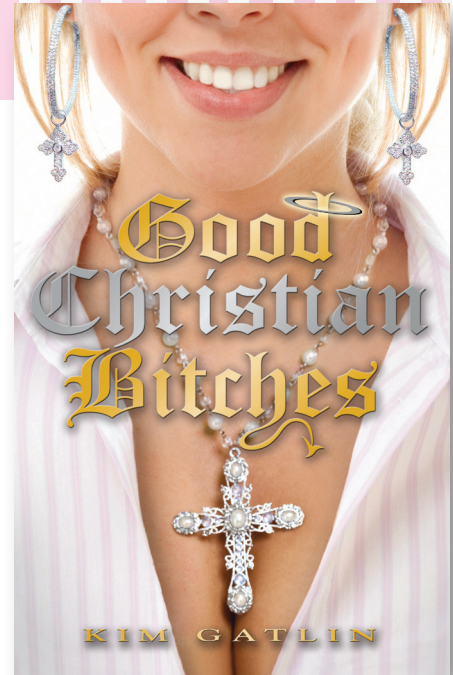


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EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER 1

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Amanda checked her watch and saw that it was ten minutes to three. Unless the church had changed its schedule, that meant that a Bible-study class, which Sharon was apparently leading, had about ten minutes left. Silently, Amanda slipped in unnoticed and took a seat in the back of the utilitarian, somewhat ordinary room that had been home to Bible studies for generations of Hillside Park women.

Sharon was talking about the evils of gossip, a topic that both attracted and repelled the ladies of Hillside Park. They knew that it was tough to square their desire to air each other's dirty laundry with their desire to remain true to their Christian witness, but sometimes a story was just too good not to pass along. And since you had the safety net of being saved, a few earthly infractions of spiritual law wouldn't get a girl kicked out of heaven, would they?

"Now before we close," Sharon was saying as she adjusted her Marc Jacobs fuchsia blouse, "do y'all have any prayer requests this afternoon? Mmm?"

In response to Sharon's call for prayer requests, a hand in the back of the room went up.

"You go ahead, darlin'," Sharon Peavy said, her fingers tapping a quick rhythm on her leather-bound New International Version New Testament.

The blond-haired woman cleared her throat, "I'd like to ask for prayer for my neighbor," she began, "and of course I would never mention her name, out of respect for her privacy."

Anxiously, the women of the room turned, barely perceptibly, toward the speaker. She spoke softly, and it was evidently going to be a juicy story.

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