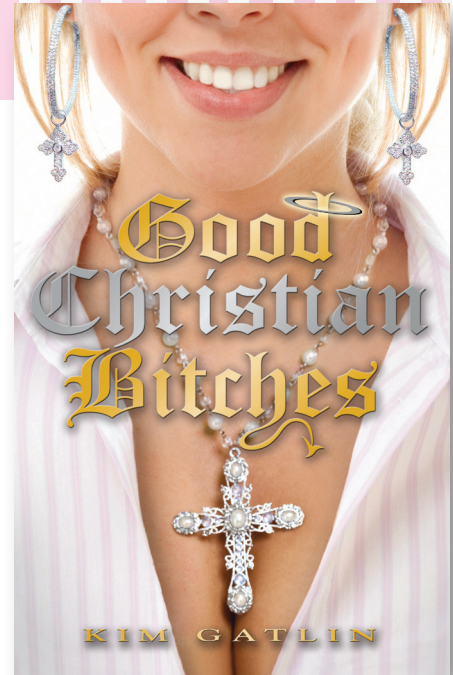


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## Q&A



**1. First of all—that title! Whoa! What prompted you to write the book and title it *Good Christian Bitches*?**

I went through a really difficult time during and after a divorce that was made even more difficult by the neighborhood gossips. Some of the worst perpetrators were women who held themselves up in the community as Christian women. Many people noticed how duplicitous and mean-spirited their behavior was, but no one close to them ever called them out on it, but it sure didn't keep people from talking about THEM behind THEIR backs. I told a friend one day how shocked I was by the behavior of these good Christian women, and she responded with, "you mean good Christian bitches". The more people observed my experience and the more I shared my experience with others, the more I realized this was a subject that needed to be out of the closet and highlighted.

**2. What are some of the characteristics of a Good Christian Bitch or GCB?**

What sets a GCB apart from other Christian women is intent. We're all human. We're all fallible. Christians aren't perfect. We're going to make mistakes, we're going to slight and hurt others without meaning to. A GCB is a Christian woman who does all those things with intent when she's not about to let her Christian walk get in the way of her worldly agenda.

**3. Do you think men exhibit these characteristics, too?**

Absolutely. I've already had many men ask me when they can expect to see the male counterpart to this book. It's like they're demanding equal time! Men have been quick to share the fact that they've had similar experiences, but of course, with other Christian men. It's interesting, though, because most men's stories are centered around business scenarios, whereas, the women's stories tend to be about social situations and experiences involving their children.



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**4. Fiction or non-fiction...just how real are the characters and locations in *Good Christian Bitches*?**

The characters are pure fiction, but very relatable, which makes them seem very real. Some of the locations are real, but we threw in some fictional locations, as well.

**5. *GCB* is set in Dallas, but the themes are universal. How does the book appeal to readers on a broader scale?**

Christianity is still the number one religion on the planet. In every major city, in every neighborhood, you find people who are Christians who can relate to the struggles of making the right choices every day. You can also find people who've been disappointed by someone that they expected to make better choices than they made because they "assumed" too much, knowing they were a Christian.

**6. Even though the title of the book is something that throws up a red flag to church leaders, isn't the topic of "the evils of gossip" one that churches should discuss openly?**

In front of or behind their congregations back? Oh, sorry...I've heard so many awesome sermons on the evils of gossip, but I would think a minister has to be delicate with how he addresses this subject with his congregation, as we're all guilty of it. Someone like me doesn't have to be as delicate. I've noticed over the years that often the biggest turn-outs I've seen at women's Bible studies have been when the topic was either gossip or lust. The Bible's full of lessons on gossip. Our challenge is to apply the knowledge we have in our daily lives, which is very difficult to do often times, in the world we live in.

**7. Your characters, despite their struggles and faults, are bold, sassy and strong. Who are the bold, strong women in your life?**

I had two grandmothers that were dyed in the wool Southern Baptists. Both were VERY bold, sassy, and strong. My mother, sister and cousin are, as well. Every one of my best girlfriends can be described that way. The difference between the characters in my book and the women in my life are, fortunately, the women in my life use these traits as assets and gifts and others are blessed by them.

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**8. Through the process of writing *Good Christian Bitches* have you heard from other women with their own real life stories of gossip gone wrong all under the guise of being good Christians?**

Enough to break your heart. As Christians, we're called to love one another. It doesn't mean we're always going to LIKE one another. Even ministers have a "people barometer" that for one reason or another, not everyone's going to always register well; but, there are certain rules that we're expected to observe, and as imperfect people we often fall short. When I was writing this book, everyone I mentioned the title to would first burst out laughing (remember, it was such a relatable subject for them...they'd just never thought to put those three powerful little words together), then would immediately ask if I needed any more material! I would tell them the bad news was, I had plenty of material of my own, but the good news was, it looked like we were going to have material until Jesus comes again, which meant I might have a new career! I had no idea what a common theme this was for so many women. You wouldn't believe some of the stories I've heard.

**9. What do you hope readers will take away from *Good Christian Bitches*?**

I hope the reader sees my book as a fun, easy read with a worthwhile message. I know people will laugh at themselves, as well as others, as they recognize some of these very relatable scenarios. My purpose in highlighting this behavior is to make people think. Think about what you say. Think about the choices you make when dealing with others. If one person who has read my book or even heard the term GCB stops and thinks, "Yeah, but if I do or say this, they'll think I'm a GCB", then I've done a good thing.

**10. Is there another book in your future?**

Let's just say I have a lot of material.

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