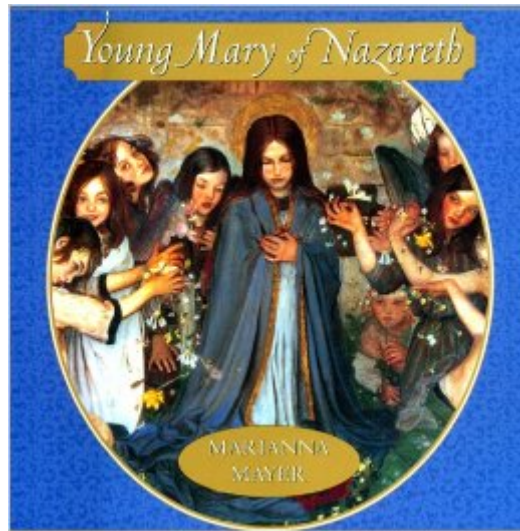


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# Young Mary Of Nazareth



## Synopsis

The Virgin Mary is one of the most beloved figures of the Bible and a popular source of personal inspiration worldwide. Marianna Mayer's moving telling of the revered saint's youth, from her infancy to the birth of Jesus, is a vivid portrait of the compassionate girl who would one day be called the Mother of God. Illustrated with the works of such masters as Titian and Giotto and lavishly decorated with gold ornamentation, here is a celebration of one woman's courage -- and the glory of God and angels.

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Though the previous reviewer is right, there is the one line about Our Lady being pale and in pain, the rest of the book is beautifully written and amazing in all ways, taking the oral tradition and written of the church and skillfully weaving a narrative on Our Lady's life that young ones will be sure to remember all their lives.

I was excited about this book because it is beautifully illustrated with images of the Blessed Mother by masters from throughout the past two millennia. It draws on private revelation by Anne Catherine Emmerich, among others, to fill in some of the details of Mary's childhood. The author also uses her own fictional anecdotes. All of that is fine, as long as it does not contradict revealed doctrine. However, I was disappointed by the account of Mary and Joseph's arrival at Bethlehem. The text says that Mary was "pale and in pain" as it was time to deliver her baby. This is a heretical assertion which contradicts the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Pain in childbirth is,

according to the Bible, the fruits of Adam and Eve's disobedience, Original Sin (see Genesis 3:16). Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin, the only human to be so since Adam and Eve. Therefore, she was not subject to pain or any other discomfort of bearing a child. The Catholic Encyclopedia (1911) states it thus: "...that the supernatural influence of the Holy Ghost extended to the birth of Jesus Christ, not merely preserving Mary's integrity, but also causing Christ's birth or external generation to reflect his eternal birth from the Father in this, that "the Light from Light" proceeded from his mother's womb as a light shed on the world; that the "power of the Most High" passed through the barriers of nature without injuring them; that "the body of the Word" formed by the Holy Ghost penetrated another body after the manner of spirits."I would not completely discount this book based on the error above. The artwork, as I mentioned, is lovely. When reading to a small child, you can easily skip the phrase in question, or substitute some other more appropriate words. This can be an occasion for an older child to look at the statement in light of the Bible and the teaching in his catechism. "The author said this, but the Bible says...An the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception says what? Could Mary have suffered pain? Did the author make a mistake?"An good alternative, but without the masterpieces, is Mary the Mother of Jesus by Tomie de Paola.

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