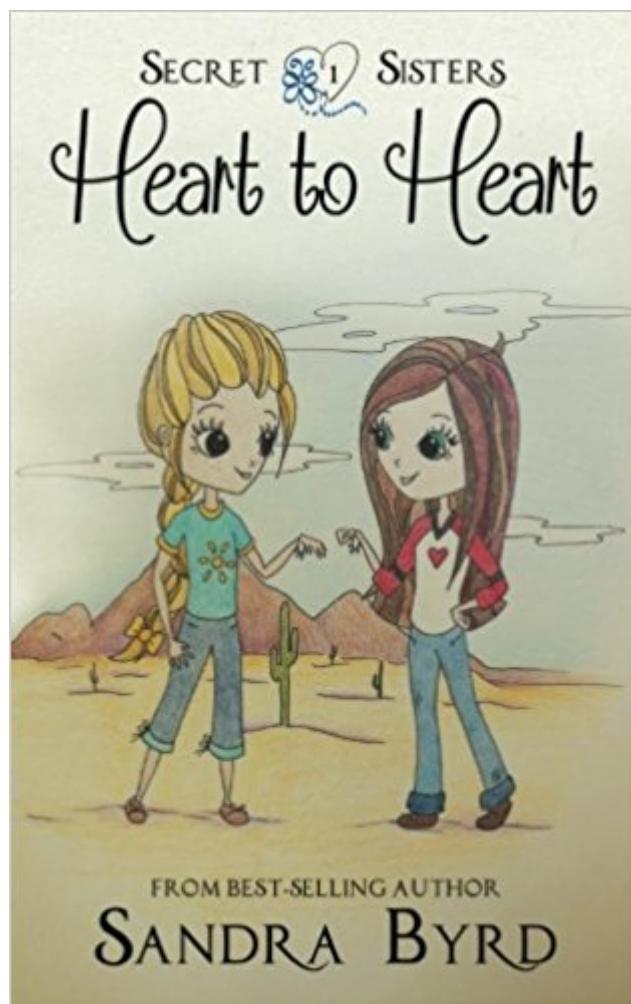


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# Secret Sisters #1: Heart To Heart (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

TWO COMPLETE BOOKS! Book 1, Heart to Heart: After a lonely time in the fifth grade, Tess Thomas dreads the beginning of the next school year. Then the exclusive Coronado Club invites her to join. She thinks she'll do anything to belong--until she finds out just what "anything" means. How far is too far to keep a friend? When does belonging cost more than you should pay? Book 2, Twenty-One Ponies: Tess Thomas is an expert at getting into trouble. First, she secretly "borrows" her mother's diamond wedding earrings to wear to a party with Erin and Erin's cute brother, Tom. But when the earrings get lost, Tess has to confess to her mom what she's done. Determined to make things right, Tess decides to do one nice thing every day to get back on her mom's good side. Unfortunately, things go from bad to worse when Tess makes another big mistake! How will she ever get her mom to forgive her now? Each volume includes: fun, friends, family, gentle Christian faith, and a fast-paced read. "Byrd's debut moves along at a swift pace, spurring young readers on ... in Tess she has created a truly likable protagonist who has her share of everyday worries but is learning to face them with more and more confidence." Publisher's Weekly (review of the first book in series)

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Tess Thomas just started sixth grade. It's going to be the perfect year now that she has a best friend. Or does she? Wanting to look good for her first time at youth group, Tess "borrows" her mom's earrings. Okay, so maybe she should have asked, but it can't be that bad, right? Until she loses them... Heart to Heart holds two stories of a sixth-grader Tess, who struggles with problems many tween girls face. What should one do when the girl who promised to be friends forever turns your back on you? Is it okay to hurt others, but then make it up later? Can you earn forgiveness? Sandra Byrd weaves lessons of faith into Tess's life. By the end of the second story, Tess has given her life to God. At times it felt like the scenes were too "ordinary" and didn't contribute to the story much. However, this is still a book that can propel tweens and young teens to live out their faith. This is the first volume in the Secret Sisters series. The rest are Accidental Angel, Double Dare, Backdoor Bridesmaid, Camp Cowgirl, and Picture Perfect.

Tess is starting the 6th grade and has the comfort of knowing her best friend Colleen will be by her side on that first day. When they are not in the same class Tess begins to fear. Colleen shows her true colors when she starts a club with new best friend and popular girl at school, Lauren. Will Tess be included or will her social life be non-existent. Tess is a girl who is caught up in all the drama that comes with being in the 6th grade. When her confidence is low she seeks solace with her best friend who turns out to not be a real friend at all. This is one of the many lessons she learns in this book. She is a nice girl who starts to build her self esteem and when new and true friends come along she knows who they are and to value them. In the second segment: Her new best friend Erin introduces Tess to god and she begins to discover new feelings for Tom, Erin's brother. She also learns a new and valuable lesson when she borrows her mother's earrings to a dance and they go missing. I liked that once again Tess is learning who she is and just what she is made of. Her support system this time around consists of a new best friend Erin. Erin has a strong faith in god and brings in a new element to the story. There are a lot of situations and feelings that young girls can relate here. Over all a great book and a wonderful start to this series.

Tess thinks it should be a great day for school and is excited to see Colleen, her best friend from swim. Until Colleen becomes besties with Lauren, a pretty popular girl, and they form the "Coronado club". Tess meets a new friend, Erin, in one of her classes. Tess sits with her at lunch and starts to get to know Erin. Later Tess is texting Colleen. Colleen says she has to trip "the unibrow" at lunch.

Tess decides not to do it. Colleen gives her another chance and says to draw a picture on the bathroom mirror of unibrow. Tess doesn't do it. Someone else wants to be in the club and draws a picture of Tess with big ears on the bathroom mirror that says "dumbo flyers". Tess is hurt by this and that's when her adventures begin. Read this amazing book by Sandra Bird and read books 2-5 after this one. I'm sure you will enjoy Tess's hilarious adventures with Erin :)

Pure tween lifestyle. I'm a tween myself, so I kind of understand what Tess and Erin are going through. I love it that Mrs. Byrd incorporated a bit of Christian faith-- being a Christian myself, it makes it special. Also, I can connect to Tess in her troubles with friends. Here's some SPOILERS to encourage you to get this book: in the first book, Tess juggles between joining her "best" friend's club by tripping a girl, or blowing her off and moving on. Luckily, she finds a good friend along the way who helps her sort things out. In the second book, Tess attends a party at Erin's church, and takes her mother's precious wedding earrings along with her. But when she loses them, can she fix the situation? Or will she burn the house down trying?

Tess Thomas is suffering from a break up with her x-best friend, Collen. But when she meets a girl named Erin, she forgets all about Collen. Tess and Erin even become secret sisters. Erin guides Tess up the right path and teaches her that god loves her even though Tess has made big mistakes. And by big, I mean BIG mistakes. I recommend this book to girls 9-13 because it really does teach you about god and how he forgives you when you do something wrong. It also tells about girl drama at school.

This book I is amazing! I love it so much. This book is good for Christians who love to read. My mom only got the first three, but when I finished the first book I told her that she needed to get me the rest of the series.

This book is about me and my life basicily,except I'm going to 4th and it is summer but when I was in school this is what happened... Well,Kharisma is Lauren ,Victoria is Collene, and I'm Tess,oh and there is one flaw to it being exactly like my life...KHARISMA SOMETIMES WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND BUT IS FAKING THE WHOLE TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!ugg I do not like "Lauren"at all!!!!!!Oh Kharisma Gonzalez is a liar!!!

I love it. Great book for readers. I will rate it 5 tstaars because it reminds me of how my sister and

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