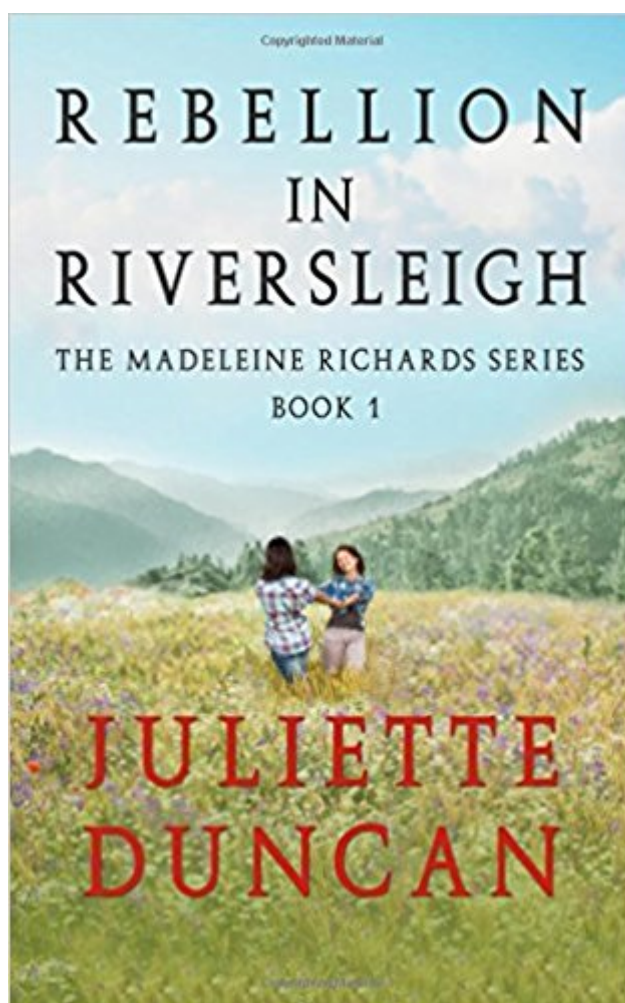


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# Rebellion In Riversleigh (The Madeleine Richards Series) (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

"Rebellion in Riversleigh is a great read for young girls aged 9-12. "Tweenage" girls can identify with the main character, Madeleine Richards, as she faces change within her family and tries everything she can to rebel against it. Without being "Christianese", the author encourages her readers by weaving snippets of faith throughout the story. The story is heart-warming and the characters are people you would want to befriend. A lovely read for girls and I look forward to reading more about Madeleine." — K Edwards .com.au — At twelve-years of age, Maddy Richards has everything she needs in life - good friends, a loving mother, and a home she loves. When her mother announces that she's getting married, Maddy's seemingly perfect world is rocked to the core, but when she discovers that not only that her mother is getting married and she'll have a new dad, but there's another, even more world rocking change planned, Maddy, thinking there's no way out of her predicament, forges a plan that she's sure will put a stop to at least one of these sudden changes in her life. — With her best friend Hannah in tow, Maddy embarks on a journey, hoping that will prompt her mother and new husband-to-be to change their minds, but a horrific storm is about to complicate matters further. What looked like a solution suddenly becomes more of a problem. Maddy will have to gather her resolve and determine if she's ready to trust God, regardless of what is happening, and let life unfold as it should, even if that means her life will never be the same again. — Book One of The Madeleine Richards Series, — "Rebellion in Riversleigh", is must read Middle-Grade Christian fiction for girls aged ten to thirteen, who are looking for a heart-warming story, full of adventure, personal struggle, and Christian values. — A bonus prequel for moms, — Hank and Sarah - A Love Story, is also available FREE from inside the book.

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## Customer Reviews

"Author Juliette Duncan has taken a very real-to-life scenario and created a story that will definitely relate to young pre-teen readers. Change is difficult for anyone, but for a pre-teen it often seems like it's the end of the world. While Maddy's defiance may appear to adults as selfish and thoughtless, her fears over change are very real and frightening. But, as the author clearly points out in the development of the story, change can be a very positive experience if one is willing to be open minded and consider the possibilities. This is a well-plotted story about accepting change, pointing out to young pre-teens that life can be good anywhere as long as you have your family. " Emily-Jane Hills Orford for Readers' Favorite

Juliette Duncan is passionate about writing stories that will touch her readers' hearts and make a difference in their lives. Having spent many years working alongside her husband in their own business, Juliette is now relishing the opportunity to follow her passion and write stories she would love to read. Based in Brisbane, Australia, Juliette and her husband have five adult children, seven grandchildren, and two elderly long haired dachshunds. Juliette's first published series, "The Madeleine Richards Series", was written specifically for middle grade girls as she has a real interest in that age group, and she believes the more they can be encouraged to read good, wholesome books the better.

the book is the second of 3 books i read the first one and could not find the place to review on it the story begin with a 11 year old and her mom are in river-sleigh .Sarah the mom is widower with her daughter they are living happy she thought till her mom meet a doctor who knocks her socks off and find love she thinks .Well Maddy is in the age of kid to be rebellion she has her 12 birthday and mom and her new man but Maddy a new bike then she has lunch with them .Well Sarah and Hank want to surprise Maddy with another thing they want to get married. Well Maddy does not like the idea because she will have to leave her family and friends ,so her and her best friend come up with i idea and run way to hurt her mom well things backfire and then rain and storms scare them the moms do not now ere they gone,They are hiding in cave and the girls have every one worried .the

search parties are out and looking for the girls. The girls are punished and then now the family is going to see if things will change the books are both good books and then they will take Maddy in to a different school and new friends received both books and then they are great to read and hope to be able to get the 3rd one. I love the way the authors did the work on the book and she brings family and friends together.

Madeleine Richards is a girl in crisis. Her mother is taking her new boyfriend, Hank, seriously, which means less time for Madeleine to spend time with her mum. When the happy couple deliver the news that it's time to move from their beloved hometown of Riversleigh, Madeleine will do anything to stop that from happening, even if it puts her in danger. This book is a poignant adventure that follows Madeleine through the emotional storms of dealing with a new father and a big life change. Like most youth, Madeleine is frightened and stubborn, and she lashes out at everyone who loves her. Through the faith and patience of parents who love her and the support of an inspiring church youth program, Madeleine learns to deal with her fears even as she makes mistakes she never saw coming. This author has a good grasp of young teen angst and the quiet whispers of faith we can all find if we stop long enough to listen, let go, and let God. Although it switches point of view from character to character, it is easy to follow and a very appropriate read I'd recommend for those as young as eight and up.

GENRE: TWEEN FICTION  
"Rebellion in Riversleigh," is a positive, realistic look at what it is like to be twelve and have your world upended. The author's realistic depiction of the struggles of a young girl caught in that awkward time between her childhood and her teenage years, not quite a child, but not quite a teenager, adds to the pathos of the story. Madeleine Richards, or Maddy, must learn to rely on her faith and understand that much of life is out of her control. In this world of chaos, war, and turmoil, this is a powerful message that should be taught to our youth. Juliette Duncan creates a strong character to bring this message to young girls at a pivotal time in their life. There is no doubt that the book is Christian fiction, but the author wisely avoids preaching at her audience. Tween readers will definitely be looking forward to the next adventure of this spunky, strong-will heroine. Sorry to not give more details about the plot, but I leave it to you the reader to discover Maddy's story.

I would have enjoyed this book when I was younger, and there were many aspects I enjoyed about

it as an adult. Maddy is an interesting character, and I appreciated the author's exploration of her faults and journey towards learning about God's love. Maddy faced many issues that girls can relate to; friendships, wondering if God really cares about them, and family dynamics. The story flowed and was easy to follow. I did feel there were some scenes that didn't quite fit for the target age group. For instance, the POV shifted quite suddenly and without explanation and I think that could be a bit confusing for a young reader. Also, there were some moments when the story came from the adults point of view that, while being absolutely clean and not in any way inappropriate, seemed more geared toward older readers. But all in all, a well written story.

Trouble in Paradise is the second book in the Hank and Sarah series. I absolutely loved the first book, 'Hank and Sarah,' and the second book was just as interesting and well written. Maddy's rebellion puts her in a situation of serious trouble as well as danger. How it is resolved brings Maddy, Hank and Sarah closer together as they learn how God can draw them into one family, with Him as the head of the household. This book fascinated me, and I enjoyed the story line very much. An excellent read.

Age twelve is one of the toughest ages in life and twelve year-old Maddy Richards gets tripped up on trauma when major life changes hit her all at once. Her mother Sarah plans to marry her boyfriend Hank and in so doing she and Hannah have to leave their hometown and all of Maddy's friends. The very emotional and self-absorbed reactions of Maddy reminded me of some embarrassing outburst I made at that age. This series is a Middle grade Christian series that is filled with poignant moments of personal spiritual growth. I found some of the dialog stilted, especially of the adults, but not enough to detract from the story.

Juliette has a fabulous way of bringing her characters to life. Maddy is a typical teenager with authentic view and actions that truly make it feel like you are feeling her pain and angst. You want to enter into her situation and make everything better. Mom and soon to be dad respond to her with love and gentle persuasion while maintaining their faith and trust in Jesus, whom they know, will give them wisdom as they continue on their lives journey. Appropriate for teenage readers but any age can enjoy.

I chose this rating because I love reading about imagination and journeys even mysterious sometimes I like when she tells us about herself and how it talks about their feeling and

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