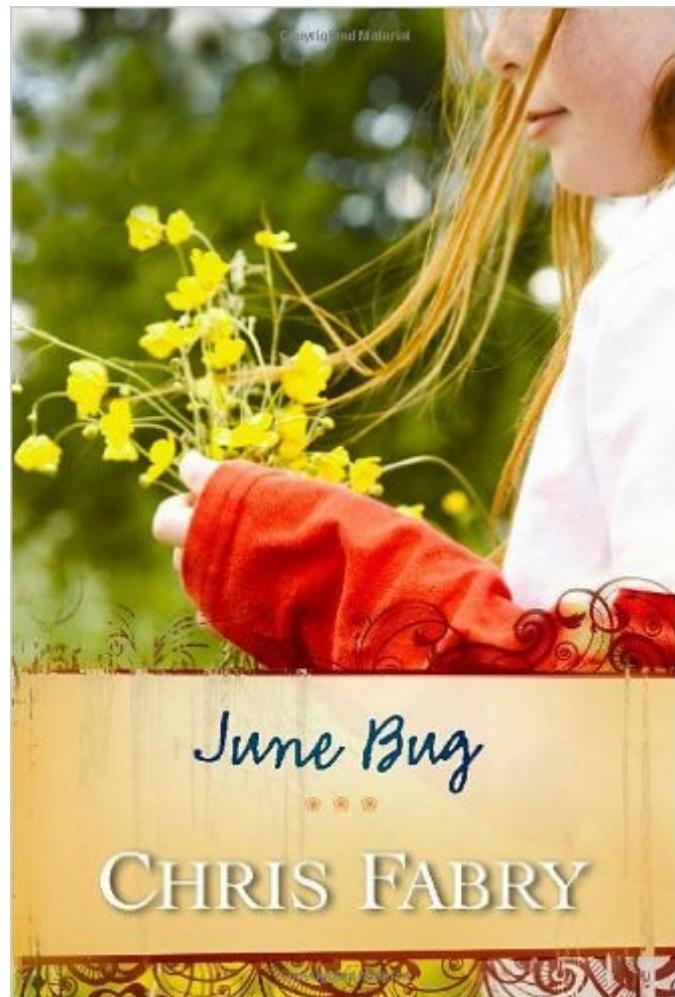


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June Bug



Synopsis

From the best-selling author of *War Room* comes a Christy Award finalist, now a Lifetime original movie called *Child of Grace*. I believed everything my daddy told me until I walked into Wal-Mart and saw my picture on a little poster . . . • For as long as she can remember, June Bug and her father have traveled the back roads of the country in their beat-up RV, spending many nights parked at Wal-Mart. One morning, as she walks past the greeter at the front of the store, her eyes are drawn to the pictures of missing children, where she is shocked to see herself. This discovery begins a quest for the truth about her father, the mother he rarely speaks about, and ultimately herself. But when her father's past catches up with them, forces beyond his control draw them back to Dogwood, West Virginia, down a winding path that will change their lives forever.

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Customer Reviews

June Bug has spent her life driving the back roads of America with her dad in an old RV, often staying in Wal-Mart parking lots at night. Their nomadic existence is happy, but when June Bug walks into a Wal-Mart one day and sees her own face looking back at her from a missing child poster, she learns that there are secrets her father has never shared with her. That discovery fills her with questions and ultimately sends them both back to Dogwood, West Virginia where June Bug finds answers and her father finds himself. June Bug's voice is almost too mature for a 9-year old girl. But, her narration is compelling and sprinkled with rich, wonderful details and observations. Full of strong, often delightful, characters, this is not a predictable story and it's certainly one that you will be reluctant to put down. I've seen this novel compared to *Les Misérables*, and I have to agree with

that comparison. John is the Valjean character: a good man who has had his share of difficulties. Mrs. Linderman takes the role of the Bishop, presenting John with something valuable to help him start a new life. Little June Bug is Cosette, rescued from a tragic situation to become a beloved daughter. A lovely, enthralling story. Christian without being preachy. Definitely recommended.

With all of the books out there to choose from, spend the money and time on this one! The story pulls you in from the very first page and holds you hostage until the last one. The relationship between June Bug and her father will warm your heart, and make you hope your own children feel the same about you. Plus the mystery of who is June Bug and where does she belong, will keep you with a feeling of sadness, but also one of truth. Just a wonderful story!

June Bug is a 9 yr old girl that travels the country in an RV with her dad. For the most part she enjoys her lifestyle although she occasionally wishes for sleepovers with friends and other 'normal' girl things. One day she sees a missing child poster in Walmart that looks just like her and she begins to wonder more about her past and why they're always on the move. About this same time, a car belonging to a woman whose daughter disappeared 7 years ago is pulled from a lake in West Virginia. The missing toddler's grandmother has never given up hope and law enforcement brings someone in for questioning based on a tip. The two story lines are woven together to create suspense and one is left guessing until nearly the end as to how the two are connected. This book has well developed characters that make errors in judgement and a great plot that doesn't have a cookie cutter ending. The cover says June Bug is a retelling of Les Miserables but I've not read the novel to make a comparison. I recommend this book to anyone that enjoys a crime drama (without gory details) with family relationships and an occasional reference to Christianity mixed in.

It's rare for me to find a book that captures my attention with a single sentence: "I believed everything my daddy told me until I walked into Walmart and saw my picture on a poster." And it's even more rare for me to find a book that not only lives up to its potential but also surpasses my expectations. It's books like June Bug that touch my heart and remind me why I love a good story. For as far back as she can remember, June Bug has driven around the country in an RV with her dad. There's never a destination, only an adventure to where the road leads. At night they park at Walmart. During one stop at Wally World, June Bug pauses to look at the Missing Children posters hanging at the entrance. To her astonishment, she sees a girl named Natalie who looks just like her. This discovery starts June Bug on a journey of discovery and truth. If this man in the RV is

not her father, who is he? And where is her family? From the very beginning, this book captured my imagination. I fell in love with the characters, cared for them, and felt their joy and pain. This is the second book I've read by Chris Fabry. Last year, Dogwood mesmerized me and became one of my favorite books of all time. I liked this one even more. And I'm not the only one. This book was nominated for a Christy Award this year. I read about 25 fiction books a year. This is the first one I've rated a 5 out of 5 in the past three years. I can't wait to read Fabry's newest book coming out this fall.

This story is told by nine year old June Bug. An amazing child who found God and has many philosophical thoughts. The story is full of wonderful characters and has a mystery going on too. I like it so much, I think I will start reading it again! You will get pleasure from reading this book as I did.

June Bug is such a cute little girl character. I am probably one of the few people in world who is not familiar with Les Miserables. That said I did not get any of the similarities to the classic book. Overall I did enjoy June Bug. It is a great story with interesting characters and good plot development. It is mostly told from June Bug's view but also her "Father" and Shelia (the woman they meet at Wal-Mart) too. June Bug is a touching in part heart wrenching story of a little girl's journey to figure out who she really is and her "father's" journey back home to Dogwood to face his past. I loved Dogwood his debut fiction novel and recommend this book as well.

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