

The Expected One (Magdalene Line Trilogy, #1) By Kathleen McGowan She is notable for her claim to be the descendant of Jesus of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene Two thousand years ago.

One would run to the window and expect to see cats and dogs falling from heaven. During the frequent rainy periods animals would climb up into the straw of the roof to stay warm or perhaps chase after a mouse or rat and due to the saturation of the roof from the rain on occasion the roof would collapse and it would rain cats and dogs. قررت أن أبدأ بقول الكاتبة التي أوردته في آخر فصل من الكتاب! تقول الكاتبة إنني، منذ عهد بعيد، مسكونة بهاجس رواية الحكايات العظيمة التي لم يسردها أحد وكشف طبقات التجربة الإنسانية المطمورة بصمت، وعن عمد أحياناً لإعتبارات أكاديمية، وكما تذكرنا بطلة الرواية مورينليس التاريخ ما حدث فعلاً، التاريخ هو ما دون. وقد حولني هذا الفهم إلى باحثة في التراث الشعبي الشفهي، وأنا أجد متعة في نبش الثقافات من منابعها باحثة عن المؤرخين المحليين ورواة القصص التقليديين لسبر أغوار التاريخ البشري الحقيقي يتحدث الكتاب عن زمنين، يبدأ السرد في الزمن الحاضر، مورين التي ترى رؤى والأحداث التي تتعاقب وتقودها لكشف سر – كما تزعم – من أقدم وأهم أسرار البشرية، يدور هذا الجزء من الرواية حول عدد من الطوائف المسيحية، أصول عقائدها، وأوجه الشبه والإختلاف بينها. المحرك الرئيسي في كل الرواية مريم المجدلية والتي من خلال سرد الأحداث تريد الكاتبة أن تثبت أنها زوجة سيدنا عيسى عليه السلام وليست عاهرة كما كانت تصفها بعض الطوائف المسيحية. كنت أتمثل آيات القرآن الكريم التي وصفت النصارى بأنهم قوم قد ضلوا طريقهم، كثرة الأنجيل والتضارب بينها، عدم الوضوح والتخبط في المعتقدات وتقديس ما ليس بمقدس، كل ذلك ظهر واضراً⁴⁴ وجلياً من خلال الفصول الأولى. يبدأ زمن السرد بالإختلاف إذ ينتقل إلى عصر سيدنا عيسى ويسرد قصة كاملة عن حياته وزواجه وحوارييه، علاقته بالإمبراطور الروماني وبيوحنا المعمدان (النبي يحيى)، شفائه بإذن الله للمرضى ووقدرته بإذن الله أيضاً على إحياء الموتى، ثم سجنه وتعذيبه واتهامه بالهرطقة، وبعد ذلك صلبه كما يدعون ثم قيامته ورفعته في السماء. رقت قلبي أثناء قراءة هذا الجزء، إنه سيرة جميلة لعيسى عليه السلام، ولم أجد فيه ما يخالف عقيدتي ماعدا الجزء المتعلق بالصلب، بالرغم من أن الكاتبة لم تقل أبداً أن عيسى هو ابن الله. تفاصيل كثيرة عجز بها هذا الجزء كان الهدف منها إثبات أن مريم المجدلية هي زوجة سيدنا عيسى وأن له أبناء وسلالة امتدت حتى يومنا الحاضر في أجزاء من إيرلندا وفرنسا. بالإضافة إلى مخطوطات ولوحات عصر النهضة، ولو كانت رجعت إلى تصور الإسلام عن سيدنا عيسى وأمه مريم لوجدت ما يدعم كثير من نظرياتها ورؤاها. 449 على مدى ألفي عام، انتظر كنز غير مكتشف داخل جبال البرانس الحمراء البرية في جنوب غرب فرنسا كان هذا الكنز سلسلة من اللغائف كتبتها مريم المجدلية في القرن الأول احتوت على ما روتته المجدلية لأحداث وشخصيات العهد الجديد وهي محمية في انتظار وصول المنتظرة لتكشف عنها المرأة المعروفة في النبوة باسم المنتظرة والتي تم إختيارها لهذه المهمة من قبل العناية الإلهية لتكشف عن الأسرار التي خبئتها المجدلية بعد هجرتها عندما صُلب يسوع ولتفض الغبار عن الحقائق المخفية مورين باسكال.

مؤلفة وصحفية تهتم في حقيقة سوء معاملة النساء في التاريخ وما روج من سمعة سيئة عنهن. تشمل موضوعاتها مريم المجدلية بعد زيارتها للقدس وإلتقائها بتاجر أثريات فلسطيني أعطاها بشكل غامض خاتماً غير عادي في متجر في القدس خاتم فضي ذو تسع دوائر تدور حول دائرة مركزية. ليس لدى مورين أدنى فكرة عن أنها تدخل في لغز قديم أودى بحياة الآلاف من الناس ولا انها بشعرها الأحمر والسلالة التي تنحدر منها هي المختارة تسير في مسيرتها لتستكشف النظرية القائلة بأن يسوع ومريم المجدلية كانا رجلاً وزوجة قانونياً وانها مقتنعة تماماً بهذا الأمر ويتدبير البابوات لإخفاء هذه الحقيقة لإغراض كنسية يجب عليها الآن ان تستكشف ماتريد الرؤى منها وان تتبع الخيوط فورائها لغز عظيم مندثر ينتظرها تقول الكاتبة كاتلين أنها بدأت العمل على الرواية في عام 1989 – قبل 14 عاماً من نشر شفرة دافنشي. – الكاتبة – عملها مأخوذ من مصادر لم يتم الكشف عنها سابقاً والتي لم يتم الكشف عنها للجمهور لم تفصح عن مصادرها أيضاً من أجل حماية الطبيعة المقدسة لهذه المعلومات ومن يحتفظون بها هذا الادعاء مريب ولا يدخل العقول إن كان ماتقول صحيح فهل كان ليتركها البابوات والكنيسة الكاثوليكية في سبيل حالها؟ وإن كان صحيحاً فلماذا لم تظهر على الأقل بعض من مراجع روايتها؟ فهي اصلاً ذكرت إقتباسات من مصادرها في الرواية كيف سنصدق هذه الإقتباسات ام هل يجب علينا فقط تصديقها والوثوق بها؟ ما اثار سخطي انها عندما ذكرت أحداث من حياة مريم التي صورتها في ذهنها وحاولت ان تظهرها على انها حقائق قامت بالتخييص بشكل مبالغ فمثلاً إدعائها بحدوث خلاف قوي بين سيدنا يحيى او يوحنا العمدان وعيسى عليهما السلام وإظهارها لسيدنا يحيى بكونه رجل كاره للنساء ويراهن غير متطهرات وصروته انه

مثل الكرة التي يلعب بها الحاخامات ويسيرونه كما يريدون ليس كأنه نبي من انبياء الله والطريقة التي أجبرت فيها مريم المجدلية على الزواج أولاً ببوحنا المعمدان ومعاملته الحيوانية لها وإنجابها منه صبي ثم بعد قتله من قبل الحاكم هيروودس تزوجت بعيسى عليه السلام وانجبت منه فتاة وصبي وقصة عشقهما ولقائتهما السرية قبل الزواج اعني ان الخلاف حول إذا ما كانت مريم زوجته ام لا معروف منذ زمن بعيد والرأي الإسلامي يقول اننا لا نثبت ولاننفي زواجهما لكن من أين أتت بكل ما ذكرته عن يحيى وزواج مريم منه؟ عدا ان الرواية كانت مملة وملبئة بتفاصيل غير مهمة وأحداث بطيئة جداً وإفتقادها لعنصر المتعة إلا بنواحي محدودة جداً ودحشها لعدد لانهائي من الشخصيات ثم بوووم تأتي الكاتبة وتقول نعم انا كنت أرى الرؤى وانا من نسل مريم المجدلية وعيسى الله الله إذا كانت رغبته في ان تدافع عن مريم وتبرئها وتنفي عنها ما قيل عنها بكونها عاهرة وزانية تائبة فبالفعل هناك طرق أفضل من تخبئتها بهذه الرواية العموم أعلم انها رواية ولا تشتت ان تتبع المسار المعروف تعليقي كان بشأن إدعائها وإظهارها لإقتباساتها عن حياة مريم المجدلية كأنها حقائق وقد قرأت من قبل رواية شيفرة دافنتشي الرائعة ولم يكن تعليقي على أحداث الرواية او سخطي على تصوير حياة مريم بالشكل الذي روتها إذا كنت مهتماً مريم المجدلية ، ومنفتحاً على وجهات نظر بديلة عن الأساطير المسيحية ، فقد تكون هذه الرواية جذابة لك ولكن إياك ان تعتبر هذا الكتاب مرجع حقيقي معتمد بشأن حياة

449 I never thought this day would come. A historian Marilyn Paschal find herself having incredible realistic dreams and visions of Mary Magdalene's life and after finding a ring in the Holy Land Paschal gets pulled into a web of conspiracies between competing Magdalene and John the Baptist groups (first husbands they're the worst!). 449 What food for thought! This is the fictional story of a writer/professor who goes on a journey that leads her to discover the lost Gospel of Mary Magdalene which the author of this novel suggests is real and was discovered about 15 years ago in France in a location where many historians suggest Mary lived out the last 30 years of her life. Many historians and scholars know that in 285 AD when today's Bible was assembled the priests had more than 40 gospels to choose from to illustrate Jesus' teachings but only chose four. If they did include women it was generally to illustrate women's sinning nature (Mary Magdalene as a prostitute Salome who requested John the Baptist's head on a platter Herodias who came to be Herod's wife through adultery to name a few). When the Bible was assembled one of the gospels that was put aside was the Gospel of Judas a translations of which was unearthed in the 1970's but wasn't identified and translated into English until the past decade. This Gospel a Coptic translation of the original confirmed by carbon dating to be written around 280 AD plus/minus 50 years tells a very different version of Judas' role in the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. First it lends hope to the possibility that the Arques Gospel of Mary Magdalene exists not to mention the dozens of other Gospels whose existence is only known to the Vatican or those that haven't been unearthed yet. The second reason is that within the Argues Gospels according to this author Mary makes a reference to Judas and his role in Jesus' arrest corroborating the same story found in the Gospel of Judas. But moreover if it proves true -- if the Arques Gospel is released to the public -- that Jesus was in fact married (as the vast majority of Jewish leaders were in Jesus' time) I would welcome the truth. It follows a journalist as she begins to investigate that much maligned woman following a series of visions that she believes are guiding her towards something--and finds out much more than she had anticipated including her own role in the story that after 2000 years is still being played out. This book will inevitably be compared to The Da Vinci Code because of their shared themes of ancient secret societies intrigue and betrayal in Southern France clues hidden in famous renaissance paintings and the relationship between Mary Magdalene and Jesus. They have other similarities including a lot of interesting ideas about history that are very tempting to believe (despite the lack of any need to cite--or even have--sources in fiction) and a writing style that belies more of an interest in telling a story than in creating high quality prose with any depth. This one deals with fulfilling an ancient prophesy in this time and also goes back 2000 years to telling the story of Mary Magdalene's life of Jesus and the apostles and of the other people and events that surrounded them. 449 Some of the book caught my interest Mary Magdalene hid a set of scrolls in the rocky foothills of the French Pyrenees a gospel that contained her own version of the events and characters of the New Testament. When journalist Maureen Pascal begins the research for a new

book she has no idea that she is stepping into an ancient mystery so secret so revolutionary that thousands of people have killed and died for it. She becomes deeply immersed in the mystical cultures of southwest France as the eerie prophecy of The Expected One casts a shadow over her life and work and a long-buried family secret comes to light. She must unravel clues that link history's great artistic masters including Sandro Botticelli Nicolas Poussin and Jean Cocteau; the Medici Bourbon and Borgia dynasties; and great scientific minds like Leonardo da Vinci and Isaac Newton. Ultimately she and the reader come face-to-face with Jesus Christ Mary Magdalene John the Baptist Judas and Salome in the pages of a deeply moving and powerful new gospel the life of Jesus as told by Mary Magdalene. The Expected One (Magdalene Line Trilogy #1)The Expected One challenges what we think we know of the life and times of Jesus Christ & Mary Magdalene in a modern conspiratorial form but lacking the false sense of mystery and overwrought crypticism of such tales as the Davinci Code. It also recounts several people and tales from the Bible that never sat right with me as a child and having read these versions of events now i find great peace and clarity about these moments in history which were so distorted by politics religious domination and the hatred and misunderstanding toward great women of all times and eras. I salute the Author Kathleen McGowan with my highest praise and admiration for writing what should be considered an eye-opening and life altering read amongst anyone who truly believes in the power of the female the kingdom of god and the ability for love to truly be the utmost healing & present power in the universe. When I previously used the word brain washed I meant it in very general terms and I am sure many of us are affected by our upbringings and surroundings whether we are truly aware of it or not. Therefore if one feels strongly or believes wholeheartedly a certain way they may not be open minded enough to step out of their particular perspective to view things from a different point of view that might be in opposition to what they have always believed. I suspect that some people who read this astonishing book already consciously or subconsciously prejudged the contents before reading it absorbing it and imagining other possible historical realities. As an author myself I commend this author for her bravery for her research dedication knowledge(which clearly shows throughout the book)and ultimately her patience to complete it and publish it knowing full well that there would be backwash controversy and those who would purposely want to discredit her for this work. Having read several other books recently by both self published authors and renowned authors from big publishing companies I was honestly impressed and delighted by the quality of this book. The Hollywood movie of Da Vinci Code appealed to me as well so much so that I saw it in the theater on opening night and went back the very next day to see it a second time. In fact I don't think we meet one innocent person in this entire book; even Maureen's best friend and closest confidante are both in the know before Maureen herself becomes involved! When everyone has an angle it's hard for the protagonist to assert herself. Once she uncovers Mary Magdalene's lost gospel McGowan begins including chapters told from the perspective of Magdalene specifically regarding her marriage to John the Baptist and then Christ's crucifixion. While I realize that this is just book one of what will obviously be a series (next up: finding the gospel of Jesus himself!) the lack of any meaningful consequences in this book left me unfulfilled. It gets worse:I must be circumspect about the primary source of the new information presented here for reasons of security but I will say this: The content of the gospel of Mary Magdalene as I interpret it here is taken from previously undisclosed source material:

But then there was too much filler and I got bored: It took me months to finish this book and I read probably 20 others in the meantime: Then I realized that the author actually believed this stuff and is rather strange, It's a good premise for a fiction what if but loses its luster when it becomes fanaticism, 449



Kathleen McGowan is an internationally published writer whose work has appeared on five continents and in at least fifteen languages. When in reality in England and probably in Europe as well homes were often built from stone with straw or thatched roofs, In rural communities the usually stone houses with thatched roofs had a lean-to built on the side for shelter for the domestic or farm animals, I felt this book was a master piece.

كلما أردت أن أكتب عن هذا الكتاب توقفت: فما نعرفه ونقبل به كوقائع تاريخية يكون غالباً من وضع 449 Lessil Richards مؤلف ذي غايات سياسية . يستمر السرد حتى تجد هذه الفتاة مورين والتي أطلقوا عليها لقب المنتظرة إنجيلياً قديماً مخبوءاً ككتبته مريم المجدلية. وقد تحدثت عن رفعه إلى السماء ولكن بعد صلبه بيوم واحد. وقد رجعت الكاتبة كما تقول في كتابتها إلى كثير من الكتب والمصادر المسيحية واليهودية القديمة: كتاب ممتع لمن أراد أن يقرأ شيئاً مختلفاً: كان هذا الخاتم يعود للمجدلية دون ان تعلم فهل كانت صدفة؟ بدأت الرؤى تراود مورين . لذلك ، من المصادفة وجود أي تشابهات بين الروايتين تدعي ايضاً أنها تنحدر من نسل مريم المجدلية بكل ثقة: في خاتمة الرواية ، ذكرت أن هذه الرواية مبنية على حياتها وخبراتها أي تقريباً انها هي البطلة نوعاً ما , Okay that's a bit harsh but this was the only thing I had to read while waiting to be called for jury duty: So this novel very loosely based on the real experiences of the author is about that elusive (or not so elusive) bloodline of Jesus and Mary Magdalene: Perhaps the problem stems from the fact that this book lacks a full cohesive story trying to also tell the story of Mary Magdalene from Mary's point of view: In addition it lacks the feeling of drama of other Religious Thrillers the only person to die - you don't really care about: This book is intended to set up a series so much is left unfinished: That being the case I suggest finding other stories to occupy your time, Within this book the author includes what she claims is actual translations from the Arques Gospel (Mary's Gospel), Through the Gospel we learn that Mary was married to Jesus (her second marriage) and they had two children: Moreover we learn what Jesus was like on a more human level -- so full of life and love, Even the Catholic Church today has reversed its position on Mary Magdalene as a prostitute a title given to her in 591 by Pope Gregory the Great. In 1969 the Church proclaimed that she wasn't the great sinner as the Pope suggested but instead was one of Jesus' most celebrated disciples. Further in the Bible they downplayed female roles in history. In order for God's will to be carried out Jesus planned his arrest very carefully to avoid rioting and violence. Therefore he asked one of his most trusted disciples Judas to go to the Romans and bring them to Jesus in the garden, According to the Gospel of Judas Jesus didn't tell anyone but Judas therefore Judas' actions were seen by the others as traitorous: Judas grief stricken by the events that followed was dead within a day of the crucifixion by most say his own hand: I make the reference to the Gospel of Judas for two reasons: I truly believe that other accounts exist of Jesus' life were or are suppressed for political financial and/or religious reasons: In the afterward the author Kathleen McGowan makes a suggestion that the road traveled by our fictional heroine is the path that she herself followed: It would in fact make Him more human and accessible to me: I'm looking forward to reading the next book in this series The Book of Love. 449 Another Mary Magdalene story - a cheap imitation of the DaVinci Code. 449 The Expected One explores the long untold story of Mary Magdalene. The story told in this book is an interesting one although the writing wasn't the greatest, (Nor however is it the worst-it's merely

simplistic and at times has too much monologue-as-exposition.) At any rate it was interesting enough that I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the planned trilogy, However beyond these thematic and technical similarities the two books tell very different stories. That story is different from any others I've seen has a very good message and was worthwhile for me to read, Protected by supernatural forces these sacred scrolls could be uncovered only by a special seeker one who fulfills the ancient prophecy of l'attendue -- The Expected One: Maureen's extraordinary journey takes her from the dusty streets of Jerusalem to the cathedrals of Paris : It has excerpts from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene and really gives a loving and honored sense of the day to day rituals and life of biblical times. I read and re-read at least thirty of the poor ratings on this book and am flabbergasted at the reaction and review others gave of this book, I am religious and spiritual but I pride myself on being open minded as well, My only conclusions I can draw from the one star reviews is that some people may not be open minded, I really do not intend to add to the controversy nor insult anyone. I respect freedom of speech and opinion and realize that in part this adds to the montage and melting pot of this great nation and the world as a whole, I am pleased we can express our opinions freely and live in a world where that is still tolerated, Many people remain in the same religious affiliation as their parents and their parents before them, As a teacher myself I often hear students recite opinions held by their parents but cannot seem to substantiate the logical reasoning behind the generalization or statement: I further suspect some people purposely read it to discredit the book its extraordinary contents and the author who would dare write such a controversial book, many of which are understandable and really do not distract from the pleasure of reading the book but I did not find even the most common errors in this book. I sincerely felt it was very well written extremely detailed and overall an inspiring perspective on a history which has been altered by humans multitudes of times: Even when words are translated correctly the meanings evolve over time: There is a mindset that believe the words in the Bible are completely literal. If one were to believe in all aspects of written works as literal rather than at times figurative well written well researched and to me at least personally called to me. I believe in progressive revelation and that religion all points to one God or unknowable essence. I believe there is a higher power yet I believe religion and science should agree or one is flawed, I believe there is Not just one single path to salvation: For me this historical perspective made logical sense to the math teacher within me and resonated passionately hence this long review: I spent nearly six weeks reading The Expected One as I felt the need to digest the information and often found myself rereading it over and over again. To me it was superbly written and astonishing book that captivated my full attention and truly inspired me, Well Done! Sincerely I have found a book that rivals The Art Thief for the title of Worst Book I Have Ever Read [and Finished:], What begins as innocuous conspiracy-orientated historical fiction ends up becoming a delusional and boring dissertation on the truth behind Mary Magdalene, Conspiracy theories attract us because they appeal to our innate need for order and relationships; they draw connections among disparate elements of society and history, It's no wonder then that the historical fiction market is flooded with novels expounding every possible permutation of every possible conspiracy theory. Being a popular religion Christianity draws more than its fair share of those theories. And nothing is more popular than an account of what really happened two thousand years ago at the dawn of Christianity. Maureen Paschal begins experiencing visions of Mary Magdalene and investigates them with her journalistic abilities: Soon she's in the middle of one of the oldest conspiracies the focal point of a conflict between two rival secret societies the heir to Mary Magdalene. It all sounds intriguing which is part of the reason the book is so disappointing: It sets the bar high and then fails to meet expectations. As with many conspiracy novels The Expected One falls victim to the temptation to make every character a part of the conspiracy, As a character and a heroine Maureen suffers as a result--she's used by the various parties involved in this conspiracy: I never felt like Maureen had any input or any control over what was happening, At least The Betrayal established the dual time period setting from the beginning. While I realize there's a reason for the sudden new narrator in the narrative itself it is still a bit jarring, Beyond the revelation of Magdalene's gospel however there's very little in The Expected One: The best thing I

can say about it is that Maureen definitely changed so she's dynamic; I'll give McGowan that, Otherwise nothing in the modern day world seems to change with the discovery of Mary Magdalene's own perspective on Christ. I finished the book nonetheless and then as always read the author's afterword, This usually consists of notes regarding the historicity of the events in the book-- what's real and what isn't, Warning sirens went off when I read this: I began to experience a series of haunting recurring dreams that centered on the events and characters of the Passion: I would come to understand that most of my life had been lived in preparation for this specific journey of discovery. The ultimate shock came with the revelation that my own birth date was the subject of a prophecy related to Mary Magdalene and her descendants : many of my protagonist's adventures and virtually all of her supernatural encounters are based in my own life experiences. That's right: this novel is semi-autobiographical which makes Maureen a Canon Mary Sue: In my need to protect the sacred nature of this information and those who hold it I had no choice but to write this and the subsequent books in this series as fiction, Reading this just made me shudder because it feels so self-righteous and . I'd much rather have an author just tell me Well most of this is made up or This is historically accurate according to these non-mainstream sources: [list here:]: But no McGowan feels the need to extrude the conspiracy in her book into real life and it all gets way too meta for me: Lest you think I'm panning this book solely because I'm leery of its author's proclamations let me finish my review by returning to criticism of the book itself, If The Expected One were truly fascinating if it presented McGowan's , experiences in a suitably satisfying story then I'd be OK with it: Instead The Expected One is empty; the story its inspiration aside is poorly written. A good book should appeal to the reader even if he or she disagrees with its themes, The reader should be entertained by the quality of its writing and its story, When a book becomes limited to an audience of approval there's something wrong: When I picked this book up off the New Books shelf a little tingle warned me I should put it back. The unfortunate drawback to my goal of being less picky about what books I read is that occasionally bad books get past my defences. It started to get pretty good toward the end. ولم أعرف من أين أبدأ. أثناء قراءتي لهذا الجزء. أقول الحق. في تراننا الإسلامي لا شيء ذكر عن ذلك. Ladies and gentlemen.

Worthless. This reversal comes a overly late in my opinion. I found this book utterly fascinating. Moreover it was an enjoyable read and a true page-turner. Is she the Expected One? I would love to know. Do your self a favor and read something else. . and ultimately to search for the scrolls themselves. May you all have a chance to read this fine tale. 449 Truly amazing read. I am a published author myself. This novel made me feel like an amateur in comparison. Perhaps they are brain washed. That can also be said for political ideologies as well. I seldom read a book without finding dozens of errors. Personally I know that word meanings change over time. I might offer an analogy: raining cats and dogs. I would like to think that I'm open minded. To each our own of course. The Expected One actually isn't that bad at first. Unexplainable occurrences like those that Maureen experiences. It has never been released to the public before. earnest. I need to begin listening to my library instincts more. I ignored it and look at what happened. 449.