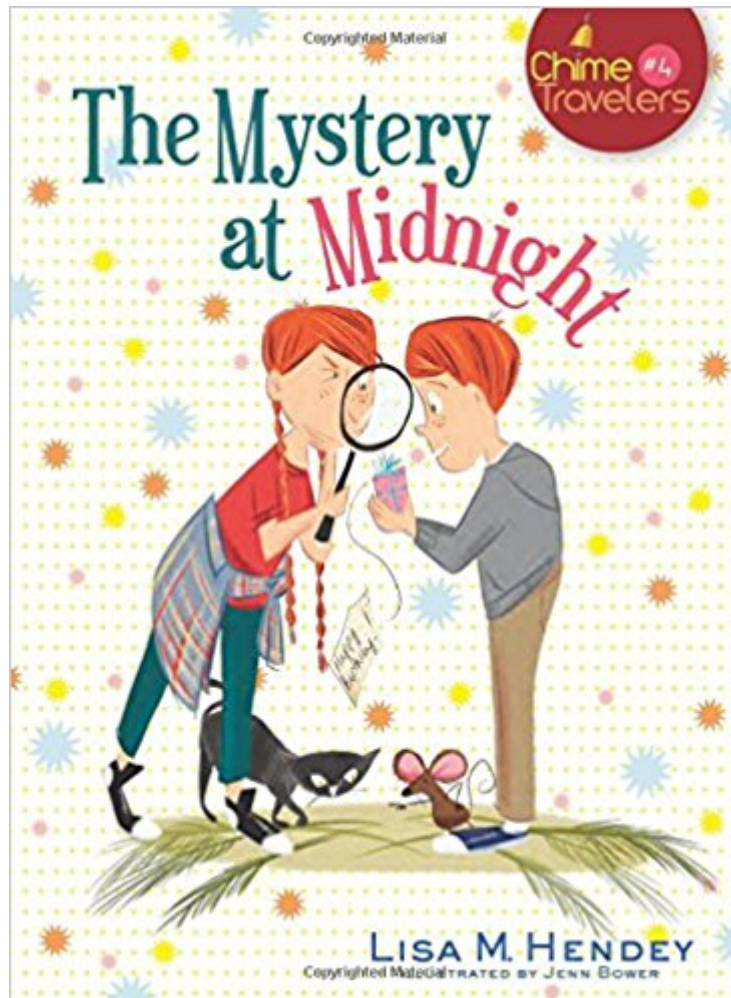




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# The Mystery At Midnight (Chime Travelers)



## Synopsis

If there's one thing Katie never thought she'd do, it was walk through something called the "Door of the Dead." During a class field trip to visit the monastery of the Poor Clares, Katie is unexpectedly swept up into her second Chime Travelers adventure. She finds herself in Assisi, the same city where her twin brother Patrick met St. Francis of Assisi on his last journey through time. Instead of meeting St. Francis, Katie meets a young woman named Clare. Clare has everything she's beautiful, her family is wealthy, and she is to be married soon. Katie discovers that Clare also has a secret: she wants to leave everything behind and join Francis and his brothers in service to God. But Clare's family doesn't want her to go. On the night she leaves, Clare and Katie must run through the darkness and escape through a door only used for funerals, the Door of the Dead. Has Clare made a mistake? Is God really calling her to leave everything she knows behind? And should Katie go with her on this dangerous adventure? Book 4 in the Chime Travelers series, exciting new chapter books ideal for children in grades 2-4.

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## Customer Reviews

Lisa M. Hendey is the founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and the bestselling author of *The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living* and *The Handbook for Catholic Moms*. A frequent radio and television contributor and producer, Lisa has appeared on EWTN, CatholicTV, Relevant Radio, Immaculate Heart Radio, KNXT TV, and other Catholic media platforms. She travels internationally, giving workshops on faith, family, and Catholic new media topics.

My 6 year old son has been reading this series. Before this series he couldn't seem stay interested in any reading book and used to say he hated reading. Now he says he loves it. I enjoy listening to him read and to him getting excited and speaking out loud to me when silently reading to tell me the exciting things happening in the book. I find my self researching the saints the author talks about and sharing some more details with him and my other children. I have had my older readers read the books too....even if they are above the reading level they are not above the content. It's fun, exciting and informative. There is only one problem. My son is reading the last book.....We are praying the series will continue and soon. I came on to order the next books but now I have to keep checking back and waiting for the next addition.

My son loves these books!

My kids thoroughly enjoyed these books and devoured them all in only a few days. Will. E purchasing more as gifts for godchildren! Thank you, Lisa! We hope there are more on the works!

My students and I cannot wait until after lunch when we read from our Chime Travelers books! We are on book #3 alreadyand don't want to stop! They are great!

What a fun way to teach the faith, spend a rainy summer day - and help your child master reading!

My nine year old daughter absolutely loves the chime traveler series!

The fourth entry is a great companion to the third. St Clare is the obvious other half of the St Francis story and this time it is Katie's turn to visit Assisi about 7 years after her brother visited in the third book. At St Anne's it is Vocation Day, the boys go visit and play soccer with some Franciscans and the girls go to a Poor Clares monastery and shadow the nuns. Katie and Patrick are also trying to plan a birthday party that will please their friends - salon day and extensive video gaming. While

visiting the Poor Clares, Katie rings the bell for prayers and finds herself in Assisi. She meets Clare by following a cat to her home. Clare is just about to flee to Francis to become a new kind of nun, one who shuns the worldly things like Francis and his followers. We see the places she took refuge and finally her installation at the very church Patrick helped build in the third book with its friendly church mouse, Bernard. We also see the San Damiano cross and Katie is taken aback by it and its multitudes of people. I loved this as when I first started attending a parish with this very cross, I thought hippies had run amok at our founding! It is truly beautiful symbolism, but very different for those not familiar with St Francis's creation. Katie learns a lesson about what it is to give and give up and returns home. Vocations, giving of yourself as a great gift, and St Clare are all represented well. Love this series.

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My Rating: 5 Stars.  
It is hard to find good Christian books for younger readers that won't constantly preach at them. The Chime travelers series is the perfect series for such readers. I myself enjoyed the series, but loved that four of my teen great-nephews and great-nieces were able to share them with me. We have a tradition we have shared from the time they first started school. No matter where they live we have all picked a book and read it and shared our thoughts on each chapter and book as a whole. It was a good way to ensure we stayed in touch when living in separate states. Sometimes I end up having to juggle four to five books at a time, but it is something I started with their parents when they were young and now have continued with the next generation. The only complaint I got from my family was that the story ended. It was enjoyed by all of us and they asked questions about faith without prompting. Thank you Ms. Hendey I try to urge them in their faith, but sometimes can see a glazed look enter their eyes and fear I am pushing them away. This series has given me an opening I needed to discuss it with them. We have taught them from the cradle of our Lord and His teachings but that does not stop the worry of outside influences. The character of St Clare is presented as a human being with human frailties and not the perfect saint of the town of Assisi during the Saintly person. They can relate to Katie and follow her story of suddenly finding herself interested. I hope they will enjoy the other books in the series as well. My rating is 5 out of 5 stars. I look forward to sharing more with them.

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