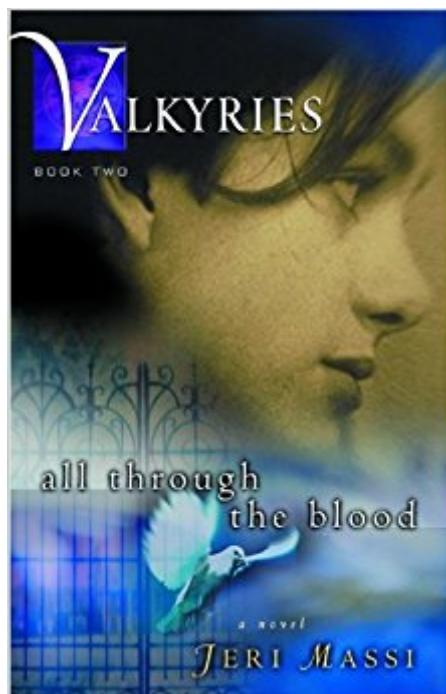


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# All Through The Blood (Valkyries Series)



## **Synopsis**

Valkyries tells the story of a teenage girl in the '70s who commits herself to Jesus at a tent meeting and is then immediately plunged into her family's traumatic breakup, which results in violent abuse from her father and neglect from her mother. Finally sent away to a Catholic boarding school for girls, Tracey recognizes some hard truths about her own anger and her inability to possess inner goodness - in spite of being a Christian. She also discovers, in the course of things, an unexpected talent for basketball. All Through the Blood follows Tracey's story as she continues her schooling and her quest for spiritual purity, despite tragic events that threaten to leave her in despair. About the title: The Valkyrie, a female warrior from Norse mythology, is the basketball team's mascot - but this mythological figure takes on much deeper significance for Tracey as she struggles for spiritual victory.

## **Book Information**

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[.com/dp/B00OLVZVN0](http://.com/dp/B00OLVZVN0) -- Blog on the Way, Book ReviewsA truly rare coming of age story, blending elements of boarding school memoir, sports thriller, and Christian conversion. Tracey Jacamuzzi's story is told with passion and plenty of humor, but there is a gut wrenching quality to the narrative that makes it a page turner from start to finish. -- Indiana Home SchoolersThe story of Tracey's

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I wrote VALKYRIES because I was tired of the syrupy and contrived young adult stories that were flooding the market at that time. I also wanted a story for girls, about girls, that didn't bog down into marriage and romance. VALKYRIES is about basketball, but more importantly, it's about faith, and it's about courage and individuality: items too often ignored in Christian YA fiction aimed at girls and women. --Jeri Massi --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bought this and the first one for my wife. She loves them. Great condition. For a penny why not?

Amazing! Well written. Very good teen, young adult book.

The two-volume story VALKYRIES has been billed as "a hard-hitting novel about the grace of God". The description is indeed apt, because this story pulls no punches. It is by far the most honest, compelling, non-stereotypical, and thought-provoking Christian novel for young adults that I have ever read. The heroine, Tracey, is not some paper saint -- she is a fully believable character whose struggles and doubts are very real. Nor are the challenges that she faces as a young believer downplayed or oversimplified. As Tracey seeks to grow in her newfound faith and take a stand for Christ in a hostile environment, the errors she makes and the failures and disappointments she experiences teach important truths about God's mercy, grace, and love. Yet the story is far from preachy, and the lessons are never glib. One of the most remarkable things about this story is the richness and depth of the characterization. Although Tracey's conversion from Catholicism and her subsequent opposition to Catholic doctrines and practices are central to the book, the Catholic characters are not demonized, nor the evangelicals glorified. Neither can any one of the characters be reduced to a mere stereotype -- not even the apparent villains of the piece, like Tracey's abusive father or the harshly dictatorial principal of her Catholic school. Each person Tracey meets, regardless of their beliefs, is portrayed as a real human being, with virtues as well as faults. As such, the story rings true to life. The dialogue in the book flows easily and naturally from the

characters, without any of the golly-gee hokiness or wooden diction that infects many Christian novels. It also shows real wit -- some of the quips made by Tracey's schoolmates are laugh-out-loud funny -- yet the humour is never forced or contrived. The narrative style of the novel is highly readable, clear and straightforward, providing just enough detail to create a picture in the reader's mind while spare enough to keep the action moving right along. Although Tracey's story unfolds slowly, each scene advances the plot, adds interest and depth to the characters, and none of it feels superfluous or wasted. I am a non-athlete and have no interest in team sports as a rule, but Tracey's high school basketball career -- an element which is crucial to the book, and not presented merely to add excitement or to glorify sport for its own sake -- is so skilfully described that I was captivated by it. Reading VALKYRIES, I was moved to both laughter and tears -- a rare experience for me. I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in reading a forthright, uncompromising, and deeply moving portrayal of what it really means to be a Christian and a child of God.

At last I've found a Christian book that's really about Christ in us. This is the second half of a two-part story that will keep you reading into the wee hours. Told in a rapid, rat-a-tat style with quickfire dialog that is often hilarious, VALKYRIES shows every aspect of being a Christian: faith, doubt, tragedy, warmth, and the constant seeking and learning of Christ. On one level, it's a story about a girls' basketball team, but you don't have to be sports enthusiast to get drawn into the action. The amazing array of characters, from the cruel and grasping Scooter to the lively and irrepressible Dibbles, provide plenty of interest. On another level, it's a story about Sanctification. There are no perfect Christians in this book, just very real people with very real struggles and a very real Saviour who keeps them and gives them His grace. This book is funny, heartbreakin, breath taking, and insightful. At the end of it all, the reader sees all over again that salvation is all of Christ.

As a kid I LOVED Jeri Massi books. My brother and I received them for Christmas gifts often and read them on the same day. I really like her style of writing, and my all time favorite was the Bracken trilogy - I've read it at least 6 times and have been reading them aloud to my girls. I was buying up some of the books I had read as a kid for my avid readers (11, 9, 8, & 7 yrs old) and was happy to see she had written this one. I bought both of the Valkyries books. I just finished up reading them and enjoyed them enough to finish them, but not being a person who enjoys sports skimmed a lot of the basket ball games and plays. In the end I was disappointed by the plot (or lack there of) but still came away enjoying them, which is weird because I am so opinionated when it comes to reading

materiel. It is all about inner struggle with very little plot. A good read, but not a great read in my opinion.

I liked the book a lot. I bought the first one separately, and this one makes a nice ending, although I think the relationship between Maddie and Tracey is a little bit unbelievable, at least at first.

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