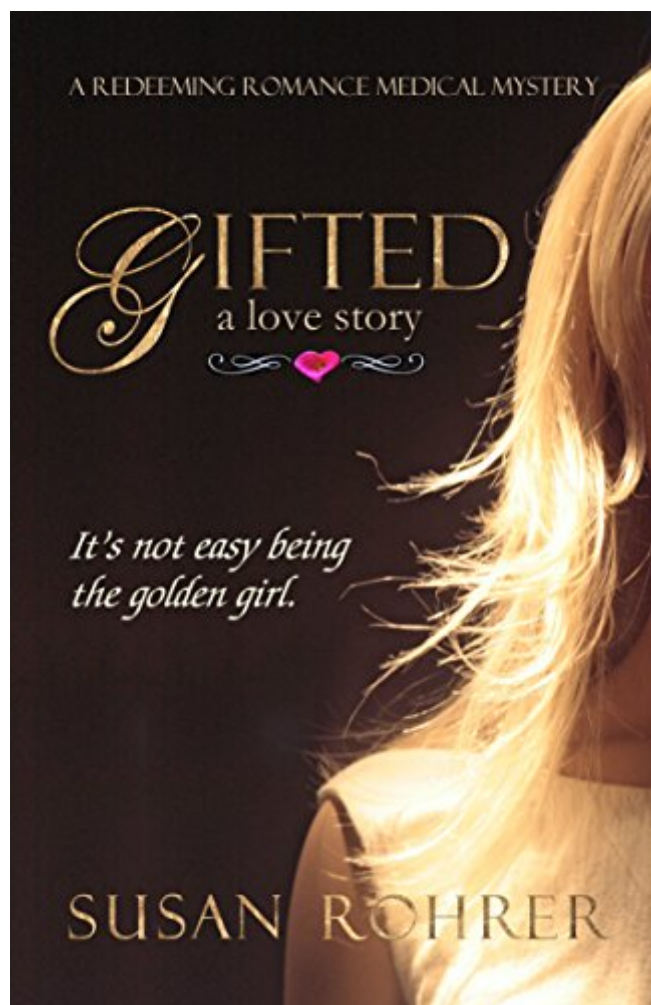


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# Gifted: A Love Story (A Redeeming Romance Medical Mystery Book 1)



## Synopsis

Will following her heart mean denying her dreams? In this Christian Medical Mystery, a gifted young neurologist, Lily Lapree, embarks upon her residency in the teaching hospital where her late father practiced. Longing to try her wings outside the insular nest, the position hadn't exactly been Lily's top choice, but the hometown hospital has its perks. Best of all, they'll help mainstream her live-in sister, Raina, who has special needs. In response to Lily's promise to keep tabs, they'll add "Rainy" to their janitorial staff. Though legally an adult, Raina is still childlike as she starts her first job within the wing unofficially known as the Belfry. Back-to-back revelations have Lily reeling on Rainy's first day. For starters, a late-breaking offer comes in for Lily from that far more prestigious, first-choice hospital. Next, Lily discovers their widowed mother, hospital counsel Claire Lapree, plans to remarry come Easter. Still grieving the father she adored, Lily is hardly ready for her mom to move on--much less with her boss, the chief of neurosurgery. Top it off with Lily's struggle to fend off the pursuits of her best friend's unrequited crush--an unsettlingly attractive fellow resident--and it doesn't look like family dynamics or workplace relationships could get much more complicated. All the while, Lily wrestles to understand the mind of an enigmatic new patient, a boy plagued with disturbing visions he claims are from God. Though Lily's mother implores her to stand by her initial commitment at the Belfry, Lily can hardly ignore what the world-class, out-of-state hospital has to offer. Would it be so wrong for Lily to accept the job she's always dreamed of, the one her beloved father had always wanted for her? It's a seemingly impossible choice. Torn between obligation, guilt, aspirations, and romance, Lily embarks on a journey to unlock the mysteries of her own heart and soul. With life so consumed with work and family, will Lily's choice lead to finding love and romance? REDEEMING ROMANCE is an anthology series, a collection of clean, inspirational love stories based on Susan Rohrer's screenplays. GIFTED: a love story is the sixth stand alone novel in this romantic women's fiction series, a contemporary Christian Medical Mystery. Gifted tracks complex, shifting roles in mother and daughter and adult sibling relationships. This hospital drama explores the lives, loves, and challenges of three women in the same workplace: the gifted and talented neurological resident Lily, Lily's mainstreamed sister Raina, who has special needs following traumatic brain injury, and their mother--widowed hospital counsel, Claire Lapree. Click above to start reading GIFTED: a love story today!

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## Customer Reviews

My favorite female author Susan Rohrer has done it again with her latest release *Gifted: A Love Story* (A Redeeming Romance Medical Mystery). As a man who only reads non-fiction books on Theology and related topics, reading a fictional romance may seem out of sync, but it actually is not as Ms. Rohrer's books always inspire and come with more than one message and even sub-themes. I found this the case with *Gifted* and the first thing to recommend is this: do NOT try to read this book or to attempt to get into the story while doing a dozen other things. This is the sort of narrative that lends itself to lifting up, addressing and even edifying those who seek to understand the human condition, and should be read during extended periods of time. The author's description of the book speaks for itself, but a few things stood out to me that men would do well to grab a hold of, and meditate on for a while. What I like about reading Ms. Rohrer's books is her ability to present several facets of human personality, and I encourage men of all ages, especially working fathers, to take a look at this offering even if it is only for the two things which come later on in the book towards the end. One thing is something that we men struggle with as fathers in our busy lives. We attempt

to juggle work, kids'™ baseball games, plays and other family activities. Sometimes we cannot (some do) find the balance between earning that one extra dollar which may pay for this or that for the kids, and being there. Lily asked a question of her mom that should cause every responsible man to shiver a little. As our 'GIFTED' heroine, Dr. Lily Lapree discussed the events of the most crucial day in the book with her mother, she asked 'How do you choose between doing the work you've got to do to provide for your family and actually being there for them?' This is an absolutely stunning statement as Lily, a medical doctor at the Belfry seeks to make sense of tragedy and her growing faith as she heads towards personal fulfillment in love and career. As an author of Faith as well, Susan Rohrer (Holy Spirit, Secret of the Dry Bones), also answers a question a few people ask: 'why would God speak to a little boy like Aaron Ghant (the fulcrum of this story) and hardly anyone else, especially adults? The surprising Father Dylan, hospital chaplain, does have an answer, which is theologically sound " Maybe Aaron was the only one who would listen.' 'GIFTED' is a book recommended not just for its love angle (which is a minor part of this accomplishment by Ms. Rohrer). It is recommended for anyone to read for its presentation of real life human interaction, on many levels as well as the underlying Faith in Christ component, which powers true happiness and understanding of the ways of God in this fallen world. Also as man with family and friends who work at Catholic and other hospitals, I can attest to the authenticity of Ms. Rohrer's writing and the real picture of life in this critical environment.

Medical mystery is a new genre for me as a reader, but as a fan of shows like House and Royal Pains, I can appreciate a story that tackles a case that wonders if symptoms are caused by a sickness or even something 'divine'. The mystery of whether or not the young boy actually hears from God is intriguing. But deeper than that, this is a story about a family of women who need repaired relationships. They are all equally interesting, somewhat flawed, and in need of restoration. I like that the author chose to use all three women for her points of view so we could get inside each of their heads. It was especially interesting to get inside the mind of Rainy, the sister who has special needs due to a brain injury. Really good read.

I love how Susan Rohrer's books are all so different from the last and they are not predictable. Each book is a unique story that holds my interest. The character development in this book is wonderful. Lily and her sister Raina are my favorites. But it was fun to get to know all of the characters because throughout the story you get to know each one very well. Lily's love and care for her sister is so

sweet, and her sister's innocence is endearing. The medical mystery aspect is something that makes this story really interesting also. The publisher provided me with an advanced copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I always enjoy the characters Susan creates and develops in her story-telling. This story is about a gifted surgeon, Lili, who has achieved many of her professional goals, even though one goal remains out of reach. At the same time, her personal life has not been so easy. Her family has been impacted by a tragedy that causes Lili to re-examine her goals and beliefs. The contrast of science and faith is shown when Lili operates on a young patient who has reoccurring visions. The author does a brilliant job of developing interesting characters in the story who all impact Lili's personal growth. I like the fact that each character has their own 'flaw' that the reader with which the reader can identify. I highly recommend this book.

Susan Rohrer has once again compelled me to turn each page as she weaves a sweet story of family bonds and budding romance. The characters draw you in and remain in your heart as you grow to know and care about them. There are surprises to look forward to not anticipated and a feeling of satisfaction by story's end. This book will leave you wanting more. A sequel perhaps Ms. Rohrer????

Another 5-star review for Susan Rohrer's latest novel, "Gifted," in her inimitable redeeming romance genre. I can't help it. I love her books. What would you do if you had the chance, after all roadblocks were removed, to fulfill the dream of a lifetime? Do you jump at the chance? Or, do you have second thoughts based on family considerations, friendships, and a possible romantic involvement? This is the dilemma facing Dr. Lily Dupree, a gifted neurologist, after she just starts a new job at a hospital, and then is suddenly offered a residency at her first choice, Dalton-Pearce Medical, the cutting edge neurology hospital in the country. It seems like a simple decision, but it's a little more complicated. There's no point in giving any more details. Just read the book to find out what Lily does. You won't regret it.

Exciting story with identifiable characters. As always with Susan Rohrer's redeeming romance books, there is a central theme of God's love being the ultimate satisfying love we are all seeking, and how important relationships with Him, as well as relationships with each other are in His plan for our daily lives. I loved the integration of a Spiritual gift being a key part of the story line in God

mending relationships, and in answering questions the main character has about the direction of her career and personal relationships. I gained insight from this book and I am encouraged by these truths being applicable to my own life. Highly recommend!

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