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Chasing Mona Lisa

by Tricia Goyer and Mike Yorkey



About the Book

One enigmatic smile. Two passionate protectors. And a relentlessly ticking clock.

August 1944. Paris is on the cusp of liberation. As the soldiers of the Third Reich flee the Allied advance, they ravage the country and steal countless pieces of irreplaceable art. In fact, Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring will stop at nothing to claim the most valuable one of all --- the Mona Lisa --- as a postwar bargaining chip.

But the woman with the mysterious smile has some very determined protectors. Can Swiss OSS agents Gabi Mueller and Eric Hofstadler rescue Leonardo da Vinci?s masterpiece before it falls into German hands?

With nonstop action and intrigue, **Chasing Mona Lisa** is sure to get your adrenaline pumping as you join the chase to save the most famous painting in the world. From war-ravaged Paris to a posh Swiss chateau, the race is on --- and the runners are playing for keeps.

Discussion Guide

- 1. How did your opinions of the liberation of Paris change after reading Chasing Mona Lisa?
- 2. What role did art play in World War II? Do you believe art impacted military decisions during the war?
- 3. Who was your favorite character in this novel? Why?
- 4. What was one new thing you learned about the Mona Lisa?

5. What techniques did the authors use to create and maintain the suspense throughout the novel?

6. What do you appreciate about Gabi and Eric?s relationship? Do you think the outward conflicts they faced drew them closer or pushed them apart as a couple?

7. What part of this novel most surprised you?

8. What did you learn about God?s plan over history through this story?

9. A few characters in this book hid truth from other characters in a desire to protect themselves. How do you think the story would have changed if people would have been more truthful about their experiences?

Author Bio

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Critical Praise

"A riveting, well-researched tale that kept me glued to the pages. Absolutely my favorite kind of story: rich in period detail, fast-paced, and loaded with twists. A winner!"

--- Christopher Reich, New York Times bestselling author of RULES OF VENGEANCE and RULES OF BETRAYAL

"A ticket to a world of mystery, heroism, and adventure. You?ll find yourself sinking into a story that leaves you longing for just one more page."

--- Cara Putman, award-winning author of STARS IN THE NIGHT and OHIO BRIDES

"Intriguing and well-written?. Tricia Goyer and Mike Yorkey had me at hello!"

--- Lynn Vincent, *New York Times* bestselling writer of HEAVEN IS FOR REAL and SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME

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