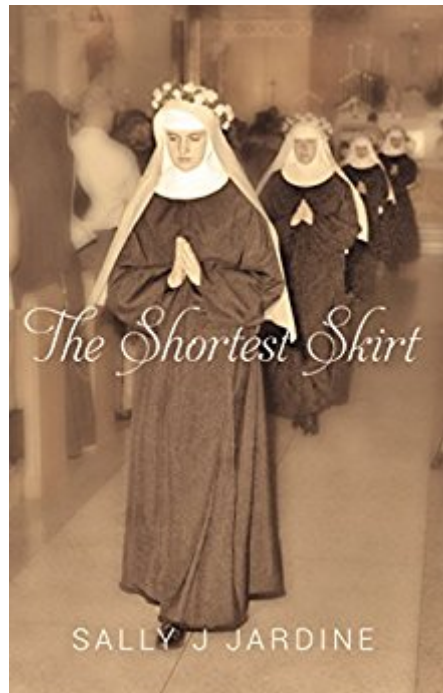




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# **The Shortest Skirt**



## Synopsis

The Sixties were a wild time but not for six young girls who each wanted to give their lives to serve as God wished them to serve. Each had a dream in her heart of becoming a nun, a Bride of Christ. Trouble began almost immediately when the young women tried to mold themselves to the severe and structured life of the convent: a world of silence, penance, self-deprivation, unquestioning obedience and prayer. The strategies and self-deceptions they learned in order to cope with their strange new life are told here through the voice of one inmate, a fourteen-year-old who left behind family and entered the shuttered world of the nunnery. Who stayed and who could not stay becomes evident as the story of their spiritual and emotional journey unfolds.

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## Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this account of convent life. As a child, Sally wanted desperately to be a nun and finally convinced her parents to let her be schooled at the convent at age fourteen. She was first an "aspirant," then a postulant, and finally a novice sister. While the final outcome of her

story is never in doubt (there are photos of various stages of her life), the reason why was quite surprising. Jardine writes in a very lively style with humor and honesty. There is no preaching or teaching. It did bother me that there are many grammatical errors, missing and misspelled words that could easily be fixed with a good editor. This story is fascinating and fun to read. Highly recommended for those considering the religious life or merely curious about it.

Sally's writing rings with truth and candor. She makes us laugh, she gives us pause about the ways (several decades ago) of religious life that were demanding and misaligned with the splendor of one's dedication to a life of service. Her story is her own, at a time when we were not as evolved. And Sally's story needed to be told, to inspire all of us to remember to align and re-align with what it means to love, to serve, and to acknowledge.

Awesome writer --paints very vivid picture of 60's life of nun and teenage spiritual journey. Fun read

Sally is a wonderful story teller. Cannot wait for her next book!

I enjoyed the book very much.

This was a very honest look into convent life from the eye of a newly entered young girl. I have often wondered about the mystery behind the mystique. As a Catholic I understood all of the prayers and rituals the author described. Having attended Catholic schools myself through college I am very aware of the roles the teaching nuns played in my life. HOWEVER, the ending of this book really shocked me. I knew that the author would eventually leave the convent because that was stated in the promo. WHY she left is what surprised me. My Psychology degree tells me there may have been too much overkill. I actually feel sorry for her since the religious beliefs she has for the rest of her life are predicated on this convent experience. I recommend this book and will purchase it as gifts for some of my friends. I will especially enjoy discussing it with my Catholic girlfriends who entertained the idea of entering the convent at a young age, as I once did. Thank you, Sally, for writing this in a very sincere way.

This is not the Nun's story. This is a delightful and intelligent story of coming of age in an environment and era that brought changes to the whole world. Read it you will love all the inmates and enjoy Sally's journey of life and soul

Interesting read and lovingly courageous story.

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