

## The Masterpiece

I recently read *The Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers. I really enjoyed the writing style of this well-known author. Ms. Rivers created a very captivating story line, a true masterpiece.

Roman Velasco is a successful artist who has everything he wants, wealth, fame and a big mansion. Yet he battles with demons from his past when he was growing up. He feels empty inside and angry. To conquer his demons Roman becomes the "Bird" at night who paints buildings as the unidentified graffiti artist. This could destroy his career and also land him in jail. His real name is Bobby Ray Dean, BRD, but he uses the pseudonym name of Roman Velasco.

Grace Moore, a single mother, is hired by Roman as his personal assistant. After her husband's betrayal she finds comfort in her faith. She is hopeful that this new job to the reclusive artist will give her some much needed security. She survived her parents' violent death, she gave up her own studies and dreams to support her husband through college only to find him cheating on her in their own house. She also has overcome the shock of an unplanned pregnancy. Through it all she has had the support of some very Christian friends. Her faith in Jesus has helped her through all her misfortune.

Grace is troubled by the rough language her new boss uses and that he does not believe in God. But slowly she gets to know the man behind the mask. The author very skillfully reveals glimpses of their troubled lives by injecting them as they relate to current experiences.

Later into their relationship Roman has a very dramatic experience that changes his and Grace's life in a very positive way.

This is a very moving story. Roman's and Grace's very sad childhoods were heartbreaking but through God's amazing grace they both found peace and happiness.

You, the reader, decide if this God inspired tale should be declared a *Masterpiece* or would one of Roman's art pieces be the final big Masterpiece.

You will find this great novel *The Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers in our Adult Fiction section of the library.

Happy Reading,  
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