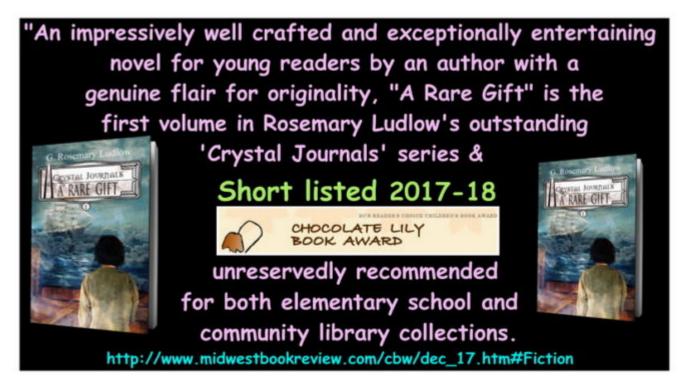
**I am overwhelmed!"** - Irene N. Watts irenenwatts.com "I am overwhelmed! Just finished reading and want to know more! You have done a tremendous job, the book has so many levels, trust and friendship and the importance of kindness all woven together with historical truth, you almost had me believing in the power of the crystal and normally I am not captivated by fantasy. But you certainly captivated me. Lovely characterization, and the suspense is maintained until the end.

It's going to make a great series."



midwestbookreview/dec17 "An impressively well crafted and exceptionally entertaining novel by for young readers by an author with a genuine flair for originality, "A Rare Gift" is the first volume in Rosemary Ludlow's outstanding 'Crystal Journals' series and unreservedly recommended for both elementary school and community library collections. Also very highly recommended is "Pharaoh's Tomb"

**Leanne Kelly Goodreads** Jul 20, 2016 Leanne Kelly rated it: "*it was amazing!* I absolutely loved this book.I couldn't put it down. It's a great read and I would definitely recommend it to kids as well as some older adults."

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"Hi it's Benjamin, I can't wait till your second book comes out. I just wanted to say your first book was great! **Mum read us two chapters every night.** I think she really enjoyed it too. **I even did a** 

**presentation to my class on your book!** I know your second book will be just as good as your first one". From Benjamin



## By Roberta A. Rich on June 12, 2017 Format: Kindle Edition 12 June 2017

"Rosemary Ludlow has once again written a riveting book in the further adventures of Susan Sinclair, a gusty, brash girl who is given a crystal which propels her into travels back in time. This time the magic crystal takes Susan to Egypt where the fun continues. I have been fascinated by ancient Egypt since grade school and I loved this book not just for the finely drawn characters but also for the delicious tidbits of history of ancient Egypt? youth braids, how tombs were 'booby trapped' to discourage theft, papyrus boats, scrolls, and ornate jewelry. Pharaoh's Tomb is well researched and contains a number of intriguing details about the culture and society of ancient Egypt. The climax is dramatic and satisfying; the denouement shows Susan's gentle & compassionate nature. I especially enjoyed how Susan learned to speak ancient Egyptian-Keep them coming, Rosemary!"

## Carole Kelly Apr 28, 2017 Goodreads Carole Kelly rated it: "it was amazing"

"I felt I was Susan and feeling all her emotions as she is trapped in Egypt and unable to return home. I enjoyed the characters even the one person I didn't really like. Egypt has always fascinated me especially during the time of the Pharaohs and the marvel of their tombs with all the passages and protection built into them. This book **introduces the beginning of the crystals and their special gifts** which I found quite interesting. I can't wait to see where Susan goes on her next crystal adventure!!"

## resourcelinks - Dec.2017 (Leslie Vermeer)

"Pharaoh's Tomb picks up immediately where A Rare Gift leaves off. In the opening chapter, Susan is

meeting with Mrs. Coleman,the previous keeper of the crystal. With somewhat greater understanding of how the crystal works and what it's meant to do, Susan is whisked away to Ancient Egypt, where her crystal disappears entirely. A Rare Gift and Pharaoh's Tomb are good picks."



"a master stroke!" http://www.irenenwatts.com... thoroughly enjoyed Lady Knight. The story really gripped me, and the addition of Jason is a master stroke, now your readers will anxiously await what happens to him in Australia! Well done, indeed."

"a storytelling bonanza" http://www.resourcelinksmagazine.ca ..... Young fantasy fans will relish the third book in the Crystal Journals series even if they don't have prior familiarity with its predecessors, and will readily absorb the medieval setting and story of Susan, who is still coming into the powers bestowed upon her from a crystal she is given, because it's chosen her, at a flea market. Lady Knight is a fun, high-action fantasy novel for readers with a big appetite for adventure.

"successfully brings the era to life" D. Donovan, Senior Reviewer, Midwest Book Review.... Her timeslip adventures in the prior books are deftly summed up in a preface chapter that neatly and succinctly sets the stage for her medieval encounter in Lady Knight, so newcomers will be up and running quickly as Susan enters medieval Europe. The result is an engrossing timeslip saga that will delight young fantasy enthusiasts of the genre and newcomers alike, who will find Susan a realistic, believable protagonist who continually faces challenges and overcomes obstacles in the year 1212, when "...thousands of children took to the roads of Europe, all travelling to free the Holy Land."

## Crystal Journals Book 4 is called Freedom.

If you live in a free society you don't spend much time thinking about freedom – you take it for

granted. And that is what Susan has done until her crystal thrusts her into a society where everything is changed and freedom is not a given right but something you must strive for.

Children she meets are doing just that. And she determines to help them where ever she can. But, she is in a world totally alien to her. She must learn to cope with robots, pirates, an ecology turned upside down and inside out.

And yet, with all this calamity, **Susan manages to make friends, learns more about using her crystal and rights a terrible wrong**. Her resilience and resourcefulness helps to save the day.

And, why are there two crystals on the front cover.??