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## Descendant of Jesus and Mary Magdalene Speaks Out

Naturally, given her august lineage, she writes thrillers. I don't know what's sillier: [this author's claim that she is a descendant of Jesus and Mary Magdalene](#) being used as a marketing hook for her thrillers, her publisher's willingness to use it or publications like USA Today repeating them despite the fact that the woman doesn't even TRY to back up her claim. Of course it would be impossible for her to PROVE what she says, but I would at least expect the woman to produce some tattered family document or maybe a family Bible with a geneology tree in it or SOMETHING. At least her statements are more entertaining (I assume) than her book could possible be: 1. "Everyone's going to think I'm on The Da Vinci Code bandwagon, but I'm not," says McGowan. 2. "Trish Todd, editor in chief at Touchstone, a division of Simon & Schuster says she has no problem believing McGowan's claim that she descends from a marriage between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. "Yes, I believe her. Her passion and her mission are so strong, how can she not be?" Oh well, then. 3. Though McGowan says she is descended from Jesus and Mary Magdalene, she won't say whether she, like the fictional Maureen, is "The Expected One." "I'm not grandiose about this, and it concerns me a lot that I could be portrayed that way," McGowan says. "I don't want it to appear that I'm standing up and saying I'm the expected one. That's a dangerous, ego-driven kind of thing." Thank goodness for that.

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