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Synopsis

This classic series has inspired nearly two million readers. Both loyal fans and new readers will want the latest edition of this beloved series. Books in this latest edition include a foreword from the publisher, a preface from Francine Rivers, and discussion questions suitable for personal and group use. #1 A Voice in the Wind: Torn by her love for a handsome aristocrat, a young slave girl clings to her faith in the living God for deliverance from the forces of decadent Rome. #2 An Echo in the Darkness: Turning away from the opulence of Rome, Marcus is led by a whispering voice from the past into a journey that could set him free from the darkness of his soul. #3 As Sure As the Dawn: Atretes. German warrior. Revered gladiator. He won his freedom through his fierceness . . . but his life is about to change forever.

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Customer Reviews

Francine Rivers began her literary career at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and journalism. From 1976 to 1985, she had a successful writing career in the general market, and her books were highly acclaimed by readers and reviewers. Although raised in a religious home, Francine did not truly encounter Christ until later in life, when she was already a wife, a mother of three, and an established romance novelist.Francine and her husband, Rick, live in Northern California and enjoy the time spent with their three grown children and every opportunity to spoil their grandchildren.

This book was one recommended to me by many friends over the years but I never wanted to start because it was long and looked more like a "gladiator" story from the outside. I'm so glad I finally picked it up and started it because I couldn't put it down!!! It does have some gladiators but it transforms the reader to a time unfamiliar to us and helps us to live with the characters. Every character was real and relatable. Francine Rivers you outdid yourself (although I know this is one of your older books). You taught me so much about the era and about people. Many of the fictional situations in the book have happened in my lifetime. Some of our church sermons went along with your messages in the book. Isn't that just like our God?!?

As a whole the story is lovely, interesting and positive, especially considered in the light of preface ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â • it does wake hunger for the Word.It bears resemblance to some earlier novels on Christians in the Roman empire, at some points exceedingly so, but that needn't be held against the author. There are, however, too many inconsistencies in the story, for it to be regarded as a proper historical novel (I hope that's the English expression) ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â • from description of certain behaviour and relationships between characters, to the use of German and details such as corn and carbonated beer, neither of which were known at the time. Random Latin expressions do little to compensate such slips. I struggled with lack of accuracy to the point of frustration at times, but then I have an eye for detail.As a inspiration, though, series is very good. Though a little predictable and perhaps a bit clichÃƒÂ© at times, story still feels quite lovely and encourages the reader to reflect on himself and grow, following the lead of characters. It paints brilliantly the serenity and peace of walking with the Lord and wakes the desire for a change of heart.All in all, I found series both inspiring and entertaining. I would recommend it to anyone eager to read Christian fiction, but without expectation to learn history in the process.Consider it fiction, coincidentally set in a world, resembling antic Europe.

This is by far my favorite book series. I think sometimes when we read the Bible, we can kind of feel distant or so different from the characters. This is an incredible story (that actually is also historically accurate to the things happening at the time) of the early church and what it meant to be a Christian. You will be so challenged by reading this book. I was in a place where reading Scripture in some ways felt like a chore to me and this book helped revive my love for God's Word. I found myself praying to be like the bold women in this book. I felt connected to them and encouraged/challenged of the Good News God has given us!

I cannot say enough about this series. Rivers did an exhaustive amount of research to make the series accurate. I felt like she took me back in time to Jerusalem’s destruction. Her character development is spectacular; I fell in love with every main character. Their growth is amazing; not only from life changing them, but how God through Christ Jesus changes them.I actually felt like I learned more about Christ by reading these books. The prayers from the characters felt so real, that I began praying them. I cried in places of this book. The main theme throughout the series for me was "Seek and ye shall find" and "Don’t put limits on God".I strongly encourage anyone to read this series.I promise you will walk away a changed person.

Francine Rivers is one of my favorite authors, and the Mark of the Lion series is my favorite narrative by her. The Mark of the Lion series is historical fiction, and Rivers is a master of this genre. She does extensive research and has an excellent eye for even the smallest of details. At the same time, Rivers has the skill to bring her fictional characters to life in the reader’s mind and heart. When I finished the last page of "As Sure as the Dawn", I felt like I was saying goodbye to old friends. I bought this set for my husband, and he really enjoyed it as well!

Oh my gosh. This author was recently recommended to me. I was so happy I purchased the trilogy, I couldn’t wait to move on to the next part. It brought so much of the Roman Empire and the historical social aspects of it to life for me. It also helped me to remember that I should keep God in my life in all things.There were some really gory scenes, especially when depicting the gladiator events. But it showed how gruesome life was for those not born Roman. I normally won’t read anything like that, but this was captivating.

This is one of my favorite book series, and in my opinion some of Francine Rivers’ best work. I recently ordered this set for my mother-in-law, and I am extremely happy with the condition that the set arrived in. I chose a like new/used condition set, and the books didn’t even look like they had been opened, and the box was in excellent condition as well. Shipping time was good as well, not too long. Overall I am very happy with the seller and the books!

We often find that history repeats itself, and I’m completely astounded at the author’s abilities to clearly show the similiarities of modern American and Roman culture

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