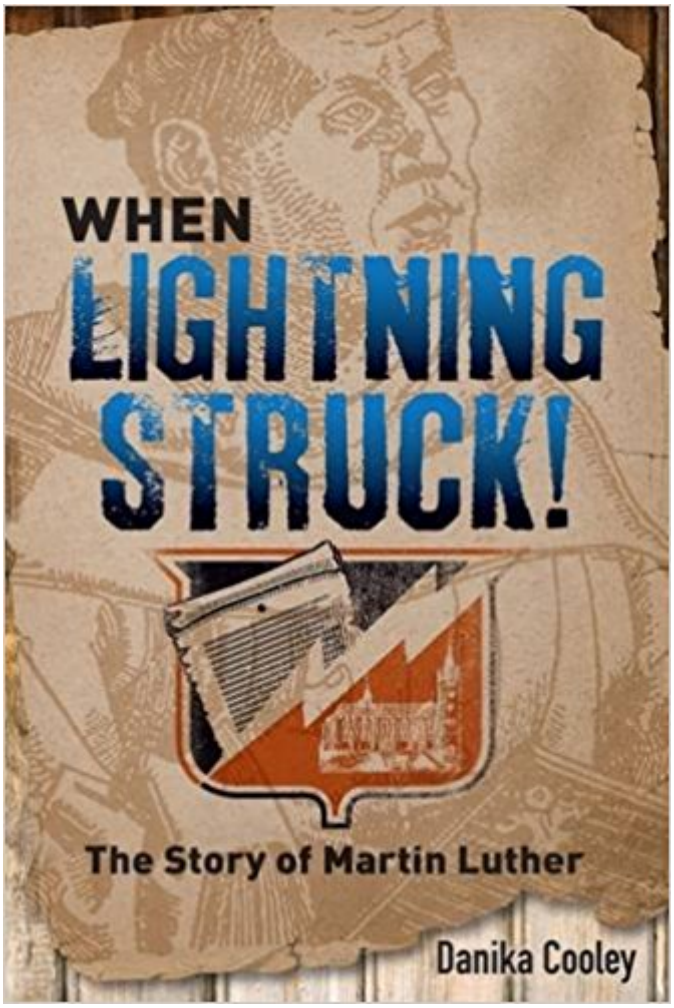
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Synopsis

Martin Luther’s life was too exciting not to be written for teens and younger readers! In this fast-paced, action-packed novel of Martin Luther’s life, teen readers (and more than a few adults!) will be introduced to a fascinating time when princes ruled Europe and knights roamed the countryside. They’ll learn about a time when powerful forces lined up against each other and believing the wrong thing could get you killed.When Lightning Struck! is far more than just an adventure story, of course. It also tells a theological story. Drawing carefully from Luther’s own words, this book introduces readers to a kindred spirit who struggled with what knowing God through Scripture means for daily life. They will understand what was at stake and how powerfully liberating Luther’s idea of grace through faith was—in his time and in ours!In crisp, enjoyable prose, author Danika Cooley conveys both the drama and the meaning of the Reformation for younger readers like no one before her!

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Danika Cooley is a married mother of four, a grandmother, a blogger, a curriculum developer, and a writer. Danika’s three year Scripture survey for preschool to high school, Bible Road Trip, is used across the globe.

This is a most compelling book about Martin Luther. We’ve all heard bits and pieces about this amazing monk from Wittenberg, who set the World on fire when he penned his ninety fives thesis. How Rome was set on its heels when people actually began to hear and understand the Scripture and we’ve all sung or at least heard the Hymn, A Mighty Fortress is Our God. However, this young adult book is a page turner from start to finish. Danika has taken a five hundred year old historical story and made it come alive. I felt the sand on the Elbe River and smelled the animal stench. I felt the biting cold of the German winter and the hard stone floor of the Monastery. Her writing is exceptional. I learned more about Martin Luther than the movie or the encyclopedia could ever teach me. What an interesting and complex fellow Martin was, but I supposed he had to be to start the Reformation. I won’t tell you anymore. Buy this book and come to know Martin Luther. An excellent read.

I read this engaging historical narrative about Martin Luther to my two boys, 8 and 11 years old. We couldn’t put it down! I ended up learning more than I ever thought I would have wanted to know about Martin and his part in the Reformation. Martin Luther was indeed not the mild man I had assumed. Danika really brings his complex and fiery personality to life! This book was the catalyst to countless other Reformation rabbit trails that my boys enthusiastically hopped down instead of being dragged, kicking and screaming.

I’m a 71 year young teenager who found this book very informative. Putting the story in its cultural context as a narrative beats other biography by stuffy theologians! Referencing allowed the reader to identify what Luther and others actually said compared to what may have been said. If is more readable but still retains the key elements of the reformation narrative. Why he was troubled by the church of the times is a thread woven through out the narrative. I would recommend that this book be put on the reading list for teenagers of all ages up-to 100!

How surprising it was for me to discover the character and personality of the man, Martin Luther. I have always assumed he was a quiet, persecuted priest, who courageously challenged the Church of Rome. I discover that Dr. Luther was certainly not quiet. His life was an amazing, outrageous adventure. Much of what he wrote and said was entirely incorrect, politically, entirely correct in the kingdom of God. We could use a modern day Martin Luther. It makes me glad for Franklin Graham and his father, Billy. My favorite part of book was when Luther discovered the grace of God through Jesus and was saved. Fun read.

Danika has written an historical fictional book that is easy and interesting to read. From the very beginning, I was hooked. Her use of language is superb and she is able to paint vivid pictures that places the reader right there with Martin Luther. Her research and use of facts in the book, along with her writing skills, helps the reader learn more about Martin Luther, what he was like as a person, and what made him do and act the way he did. I would highly recommend this fantastic book.

I like getting a new perspective on the age in which Martin Luther lived and what he likely experienced to make him who he was. This book contains episodes that were omitted or glossed over in other biographies, like his sword wound while in college.

Educational. Interesting. Thanks Danika!

This book takes the reader into the life and times of Martin Luther as though it all is happening today. It is an easy read. But beware. It’s hard to put down.

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