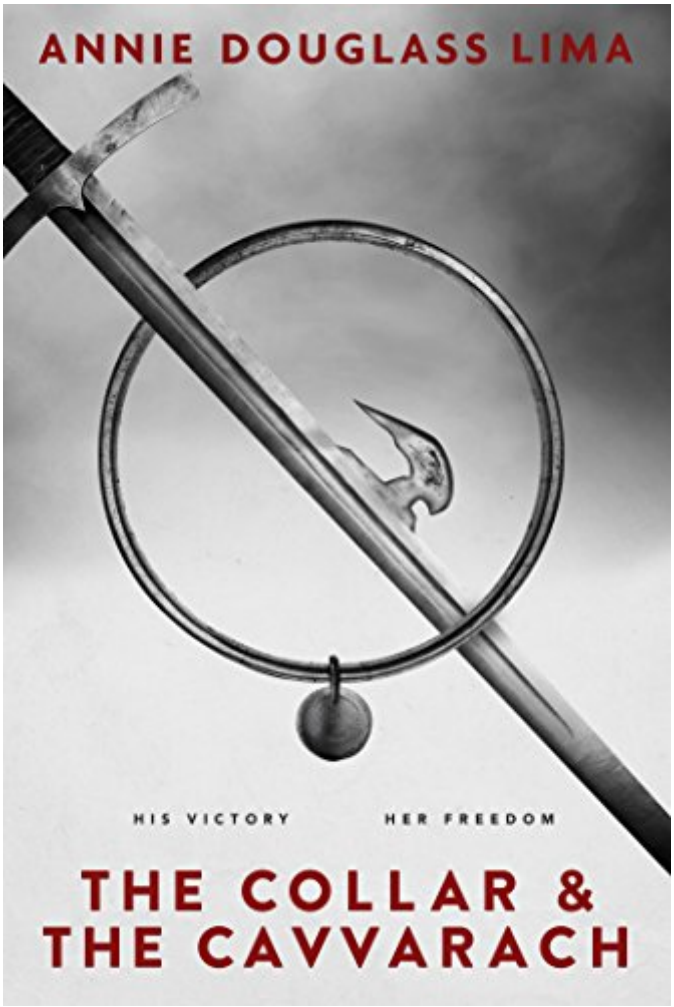
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Bensin, a teenage slave and martial artist, is desperate to see his little sister freed. But only victory in the Krillonian Empire's most prestigious tournament will allow him to secretly arrange for Ellie's escape. Dangerous people are closing in on her, however, and Bensin is running out of time. With his one hope fading quickly away, how can Bensin save Ellie from a life of slavery and abuse?

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Customer Reviews

Every now and then, my determination to spend most of my time reading and exploring Indie Christian Authors really pays off. Sometimes my love of my brothers and sisters in Christ has to overcome my love of reading really well-written books, but every now and then I don't have to choose. This is one of those times.PROS:1) Well written story. There was a simple but discernible plot that hooked in early enough in the story to grasp the reader's attention, then carried through to

the end. No derails or switching objectives that sometimes plagues Indie works. There were several sub-plots which were aptly used to spice up the narrative, but there was a clear focus on the main theme throughout.2) Well paced. This is key because where so many otherwise decent stories fall apart is that they either begin or end in the wrong place, leading to either a draggy or nonsensical opening or ending, OR the pace is so inconsistent as to give one whiplash. Again, Collar and Cavvarach is perfectly balanced in pace, sustaining interest and developing that "can't put it down" feeling while not wearing the reader out trying to rush ahead of itself.3) Engaging characters. I liked that the protagonist was competent, but due to societal situations was mostly restrained from fully letting loose with his capabilities. This made the MC meek, but not weak. Weakness is a lack of power, but true meekness is power under control, like a thoroughbred in the starting gates just before the race. This made Bensin a very engaging character. I also liked that there were enough side things going on with the other characters to give them depth and flesh them out without detracting from the pacing and storyline.CONS:1) Honestly I almost have to invent something to say here. There were minor little niggling things here and there which briefly caught my attention, but I have never read a book without some of these, nor I daresay have I ever written one without them. None of them however is worthy of individual mention nor any deduction whatsoever in the rating of this book.As another reviewer mentioned, this is a clean, YA adventure book by a Christian author, but it is not an overtly Christian book. There are certainly moral and virtuous themes in the book, but overall it is just a really solid Speculative Fiction piece. I can say without hesitation that this is one of the most enjoyable books I have read recently, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone who enjoys Speculative Fiction. A rare diamond in the sea of Indie rough.

I really enjoyed this book!The world Lima has created is familiar and easy to settle into. Her characters are clear and believable. She'll have you rooting for Bensin and Ellie from chapter one. The character of Bensin is particularly well done. I love how Lima balanced his maturities and immaturities. Her worldbuilding is intricate and well-crafted. And the plot is smart but believable.But my favorite part was the emotional intelligence of this book. From the first chapter I knew I was in good hands. She raises some difficult questions through the course of the story and doesn't always give the answer. But Bensin finds his way with the help of some healthy authority figures in his life!Love the themes of loyalty, truth, and redemption. And I particularly loved the part at the end when Bensin finds his struggles actually help give him victory!!

Action packed and heart tugging, all in the same story. Excellently written - the story just keeps

going with no dead space. I like how this particular author is able to create these completely different worlds that you feel right at home in (she has another series (Annals of Alasia) that I thoroughly enjoyed). They are easy to understand and yet elaborate enough to be believable and completely interesting.As for the story, young Bensin is willing to risk anything for the love of family. The twists and turns in this story will leave you shouting for Bensin's victory is one chapter, crying for his defeat in another and completely shocked in the next. I planned to read this book as a light beach read, yet I couldn't put in down until it was over. I am sleep deprived because of this book and I'm not upset either.I highly recommend this book. There are lessons to be learnt here too regarding slavery and cruelty at the hands of one another that are applicable in our own regular world. I can't wait to get started on the next one in the series - The Gladiator and the guard.

This is the second book I've read by this author and she doesn't disappoint. Imagining a modern day empire with a slavery system in place for conquered enemies, this book tells the story of Bensin, a teenage boy who wears the collar of slavery but refuses to go down without a fight. Much like football is watched by millions in America, the Cavvarach Shil tournaments are watched in this country. Bensin loves the competition almost as much as he loves his little sister. He promised his mother before she died that he would take care of Elsie and make sure she was free one day and he means to make good on that promise... even if it kills him.Bensin's story will tug at your heartstrings in places and make you want to stand up and cheer in others. It is an exciting adventure, definitely worth taking.

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