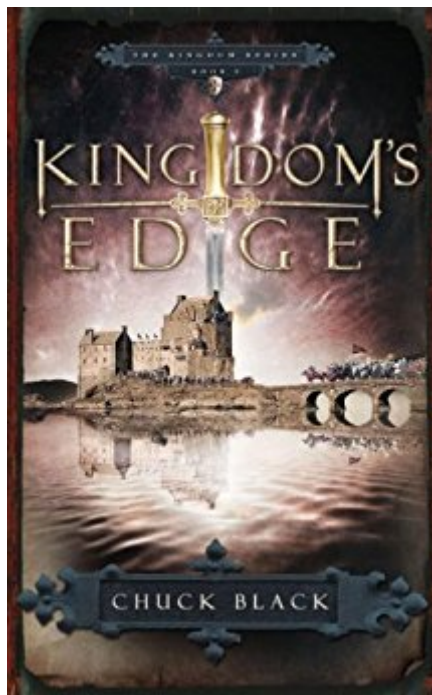


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Kingdom's Edge (Kingdom Series)



Synopsis

A Riveting Medieval Parallel to the Bible Good and evil clash. Leinad and Cedric are determined to not only survive, but claim hope and victory! In Kingdom's Dawn , Leinad and Tess, along with all the kingdom's people, must escape slavery by the powerful Lord Fairos. Kingdom's Hope finds them free and arriving in the Chessington Valley . But when they forget the king, will Kergon and the Kessons capture them for good? After many years, Kingdom's Edge finds Cedric living a hopeless life until a stranger appears with powerful words of a new kingdom and a grand army. Finally, Kingdom's Reign marches you through the danger of earth's last days as the evil dark knight threatens to defeat the prince once and for all. Swords, knights, and battles define these captivating tales that parallel biblical events from Genesis to Revelation! He was doomed to a life of hopelessness and despair. Then the stranger arrived | For Cedric of Chessington, every day is the same: full of poverty and despair. And he knows that will never change. Or so he thinks. Then a stranger comes to the city. Drawn to the man's mysterious ways, Cedric discovers the stranger's humility belies great strength and wisdom. That's when an astounding truth becomes clear "the stranger is a Master of the Sword, and He is there to train Cedric. Suddenly propelled into a desperate battle against evil, Cedric must rely on the Master's training if he is going to survive. But the ultimate battle is yet to come, for the Dark Knight is at work, implementing his plan to take over the kingdom. Will Cedric be ready to stand in the face of pure evil? Journey to Arrethtrae, where the King and His Son implement a bold plan to save their kingdom; where courage, faith, and loyalty stand tall in the face of opposition; where good will not bow to evil; and where hope and compassion are as powerful weapons as the sword. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS INCLUDED Story Behind the Book "When my six kids' eyes glossed over during a reading from the Bible, I paused to explain the significance of redemption to a sin-sick soul. I was rewarded with patronizing elephant nods and more blank stares. Shortly thereafter, I awoke in the middle of the night with a medieval story enveloping my mind. I wrote it down and later read it to my children. Their waning attention transformed into complete anticipation. I was amazed and disappointed. Why did it take a fictional story, not a Bible passage, to get that response? Then I realized "that is how Jesus taught! Parables are powerful! I penned the Kingdom series to help young people get excited about the supremely significant story of Jesus Christ and His mission to save mankind." • " Chuck BlackFrom the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

My kids and I absolutely LOVE this book series! It is similar to the Pilgrim's Progress in that it is an allegory, but it spans from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and is filled with adventure, godly character, lots of sword battles and much Biblical truth. (My kids are always asking me "Just ONE more chapter, please?") They are really the kind of books that you don't want to put down! There are questions for each chapter and they show how it mirrors the Bible. I purchased all 6 as I know we will read them all again, and that I will want to read them with my grandchildren too, one day!

I did not know what to expect from Chuck Black book. Biblical allegories are often lame and you get the feeling the author is trying too hard to make a point. That is not the case here. These books are fun to read. Chuck Black is the author of many novels including the popular Kingdom Series and The Knights of Arrethtrae series. Each story is strong enough to stand on its own. I have 10 kids, and each of the readers enjoy the books. Even kids who are not familiar with the different Bible stories will still be on the edge of their seats. My wife has read all of them aloud. Our children are familiar with Bible stories, and they "get" what is going on. It adds another whole level of interest as they try to link the story they are hearing with the stories they already know. But, that usually

happens after each episode, since some of the segments are so tense they are completely lost in the story. Then, after reading to them we hear "Please! One more chapter!" This is a refrain I hear nearly every night.

As we once again go back in time, Cedric of Chessington gives us the prologue. Time has moved on a little in the main book with Leinad, the major character of Books 1 and 2, now being an old man. Cedric, a peasant at that time, is not sure whether Leinad's tales of old are true or if Leinad is insane like some others believe. The Noble Knights of the time are comparable to the Pharisees. Poverty is everywhere and so is hypocrisy. Cedric and William meet an old man. Who is he? Although he looks poor he doesn't act like it. When a girl is caught stealing and her hand ordered to be cut off, the stranger steps in with his sword! Who is he? The son of the King! Who does the Prince call? The Noble Knights? No! He calls Cedric, William and others willing to serve him. Allegorically we are now in the New Testament. The opening is definitely not as exciting as the first two books plus we have to deal with the sadness of losing Leinad to his well-earned place across the sea. The book does pick up though. The Prince is training his knights (disciples). He starts with the sword and then on to the shield (Ephesians). Very easy to see the allegorical symbols for Jesus: little children coming to him, feeding the thousands etc. Following the Prince's death and resurrection there is despair on behalf of the knights. Commissioned to train more knights, Cedric and William are nearly killed in the city of Chandril where the people are extremely hostile. Saved by two Silent Warriors, Keef and Ramon, this is where Keef tells the story of the Dark Knight's fall and the fight between him and the Prince. What happens when Alexander Histen, the governor, take control of the people? Most people believe him when he says it is necessary! Well-written, third book in the series for youngsters. Plenty of action to keep a high elementary/middle schooler wanting to read more. Yes, there is violence but that is the nature of the story. It is made very clear who has won the ultimate victory. We read this aloud on our Kindle. There are questions (and answers) available for each chapter. In the paperback version these are very easy to access BUT on the Kindle it is a pain as there is no link at the end of each chapter so you have to go to the beginning of the section and scroll through to the chapter that you want. It would be great if this feature could be improved. Thanks, Liz

Love reading this book with my ten year old son. He enjoys the book and learns a bible lesson related to the story. It is really fun to see if he can tell where the story is from in the bible. Then in the back of the book you can read the lessons associated with the book to further your knowledge

and associate it with the bible verses. Not only is he learning and remembering the story and the association with the bible, but he is getting valuable reading time done in a fun way. I even enjoy the stories and can't wait to see what happens next. We have loved the entire series so far.

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