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Kathy says

This book was the best as far as including a lot about a great Christian in history, that being John Bunyan. Overall, it was an enjoyable book, in spite of the author's continuing tendency to cast some characters as perfect. Some parts of the story were predictable, but there were also some interesting twists.

Katy Vendetti says

I'm trying to finish this series by the end of the year. I read the first few books when I was a teenager and I held a bit of nostalgia for the series. Up to this point, I don't really feel like the series has held up over time, but it's still a good series. It's Christian historical fiction set during the rise of Protestantism in England. In this particular book, it's set during the reign of King Charles II, after the death of Oliver Cromwell. This was a point in history when the Royalists (who lost the Civil War to the Parliamentarians) return to England and come into power.

As far as the fictional family, the Wakefields, the author seems to be moving away from the steady father to son legacy that is found in the first three books. In the last book, the Morgan family (distant relative from Wales) made their first appearance, and they take up a good amount of the plot in this book. In addition to that, we are introduced to Jenny Clairmont, another person from Wales and follow her story which intertwines with the Wakefields and Morgans. Also, Morris includes whole chapters on the actual historical figure John Bunyan.

The author seemed to really be a fan of John Bunyan. He even includes some excerpts of Bunyan's writing in his own story (although to be fair, he also includes some poetry and Shakespearean excerpts as well). This book, however, focused a lot on Bunyan, and with the addition of Jenny's story and the Morgans, the Wakefields took a bit of a backseat.

The writing, like in the previous books, was flowery and a bit convoluted. We had to hear about everything they ate or wore, what every person looked like and whether they were attractive or not. I found myself skimming those parts, really just wanting to get on with the story. I understand he was building the world, but I just wasn't interested in every beef broth they ate.

Still, the plot was interesting. Following the independent preachers as they were thrown in jail and then how they overcame was really interesting. I don't know how much fiction was added to it, but it will give me new perspective when I read a Pilgrim's Progress again.

Overall, it's okay. I do enjoy the history, but the writing is only so-so. Nostalgically, it's been a good ride so far.

Lorraine says

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REVIEW: I particularly liked Book 4 in this series. I did not know much about either John Bunyan or John Milton. Their profound love for God and strength in following their convictions during a time when nonconformists to the Church of England were not tolerated was amazing. Morris did an excellent job of tying them in as characters in the story and making their historical context come to life. I also gained a better understanding of the Puritan and non-conformist movement as these Christians tried to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of Scripture in place of the regimented, impersonal relationship the Church of England espoused at that point in time.

The continued saga of the Wakefields and Morgans flowed seamlessly from Book 3 to Book 4. The focus on Amos, Evan, Jenny, and Hope, the younger generation of the families brought the reader to a new group of the family members and their struggle to find their place in the changing English society. As society became more and more immoral under the influence of Charles II, they had to make decisions as to their allegiance to God or society. Their struggles made for an intriguing storyline.

Although this series is lengthy, seven books in all, I have found it easy to read and very interesting.

FAVORITE QUOTES: This book contained many particularly those involving John Bunyan.

"Oh not, not sad. Joyous! Joyous to think that Jesus would leave the Father, from whom he had never been separated, to come here and die for a man like me. Great is God's mercy.."

"It's hard to turn loose of the things we love so dearly. But the time does come, you know, for all of us."

"I had to go away by myself. I supposed I was seeking God.... I would say you found Him....I am finding Him--more every day...It's something that a person does every day, you know. Not just once."

"I think if you see a man whose Bible is falling apart, you'll find a man who isn't."

"At first I felt close to God. Jesus was so real to me! But now---I can't think and God seems so far away...God is more pleased when we trust Him at those times when we have little or no sense of His presence than when we trust because we sense a great manifestation of His presence."

Lauren says

I read this novel in one sitting, I love this series and how it ties into England's history and you meet many interesting famous people. In this novel, you get to meet John Bunyan and John Milton.

Terri says

Not sure why I still read Gilbert Morris on occasion, but I do. The historical information is still good I suppose :)

Deanna says

Reread 9/12

Sasha (whispersofthesilentwind) says

Note: this is a re-read.

~~Goodreads let me down with a quote for this book~~

Ah finally a love triangle, just to shake things up a little bit. I enjoyed how this book took a different turn from the others by letting women have a POV in the book. I think it's pretty genius how he used the family line to connect the Morgans to the Wakefields. Once again I found the tying in of fictional characters with non-fictional characters done very well. I'm glad I got to see the nonconformists' struggle with the Church of England. I learned a lot more about the Puritan and non-conformist movements. As well as the Church of England's point of view on religion at that time. I would definitely like to read more about Charles II. This is probably tied as my favorite book in the series with The Song of Princes

Rebecca Delaria says

Each book draws the reader deeper into historical events and heartfelt connections to the Wakefield family.

Emily says

I have to admit I felt a little jipped by this book. It seemed to have more about John Bunyan than the family that the series is named for. It feels like Morris is running out of story lines to use with his main characters so he's using the characters from that time in history as his main characters. Don't get me wrong, I still enjoyed reading it, but it just doesn't have the originality that the previous books had. Maybe in a series, you just have to know when to say when.

Sunshine says

I never tire of re reading this book
