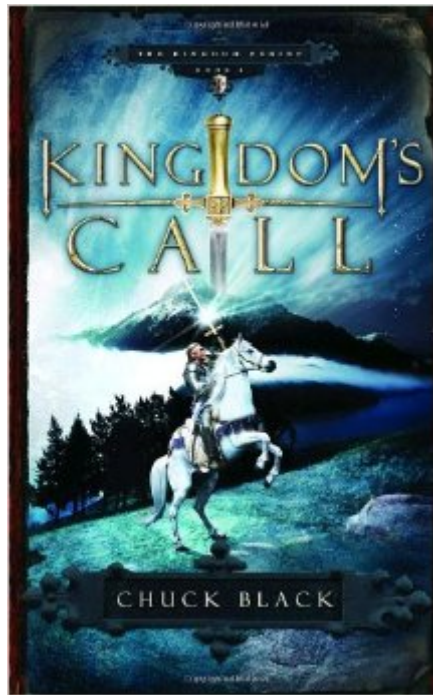


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A sworn enemy of the Prince vows to eliminate his Followers. Until the Prince saves his life. For generations the Noble Knights have been in service to the King. Following a strict code of conduct, they preserve the peace in Chessington, the King's chosen city, and rule its citizenry. Sir Gavin is a young and promising Noble Knight, devoted to King and Code. Then a peasant disrupts the tranquility of Chessington, brazenly challenging the Code while claiming to be the son of the King—a Prince. When it is learned that he is actively training a force of men in defiance of the law, the stranger is arrested and executed. But his Followers continue to defy the Code, and Sir Gavin swears to destroy this threat to Chessington—until he himself is grievously wounded in battle. As he faces his own death, Gavin is saved by someone who will transform his heart and change his life. Journey to Arrethrae, 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 one brave man stands against the Dark Knight.

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Customer Reviews

Kingdom's Call actually took me by surprise. The previous books had tried to cram in way too many Biblical parallels and really suffered because of that. However this book focused on a very short portion in the book of Acts and Black did a much better job of capturing the truth of the story.

Kingdom's Call is basically a retelling of the story of Saul (or Paul). Rather than trying to fit the entire book of Acts into about 125 pages, Black chose to focus on Saul's pre-conversion/Damascus road experience. This meant that he had time to draw the right parallels and bring the right amount of

truth and weight to the story. While the symbolism is still just as prevalent here as it was in the previous three books, for the most part it actually fits within the context of the story and adds to the "new" setting rather than being a distraction. Black also took some artistic license and explored some other ideas, which in turn greatly enhanced the story. For instance, the Bible doesn't directly tell us much about how Saul felt as he was persecuting the Christians, or what feelings of guilt he had to deal with after his conversion. Black takes some time to explore those areas, adding to the weight of the story and to the development of the character. Black has come a long way in his ability to draw meaningful parallels rather than just retell the events. So why only 3.5 stars? To be blunt, I didn't think this book was well written. The dialogue was really bad, trying to sound archaic but resulting in stiff, awkward phrasing that was often difficult to follow. The same is true for the narrative voice. The word choices were very odd at times, especially in the descriptions.

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