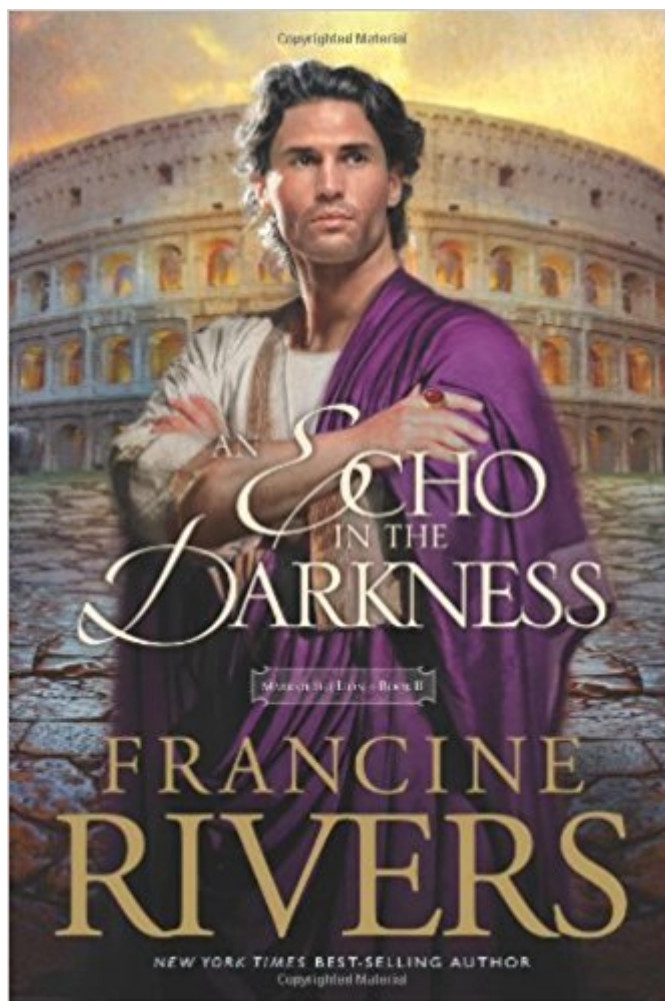


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Turning away from the opulence of Rome, Marcus is led by a whispering voice from the past into a journey that could set him free from the darkness of his soul. \*\*\*\* Includes study questions suitable for individual use or group discussion.

Francine Rivers began her literary career at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and journalism. From 1976 to 1985, she had a successful writing career in the general market, and her books were highly acclaimed by readers and reviewers. Although raised in a religious home, Francine did not truly encounter Christ until later in life, when she was already a wife, a mother of three, and an established romance novelist. Francine and her husband, Rick, live in Northern California and enjoy the time spent with their three grown children and every opportunity to spoil their grandchildren.

Francine Rivers has a way of weaving a story that you can't put down until it's glorious end when you are reduced to tears that are profoundly healing and joyful! This book reminds me of her book, "Redeeming Love", which is even better but still had the same effectiveness!!!

The sequel to Francine Rivers' first book, "A Voice in the Wind", this one beautifully follows the narrative of Hadassah and the Valerian family with story elements that inspire and intrigue the heart of the reader. This story is a definite faith-builder.

So inspiring and uplifting. Francine Rivers is an AMAZING author and has a way of showing u TRUE faith without being too abrasive and intrusive. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Will give to my Mom on Mother's Day

Marcus Lucianus Valerian, the only son of one of Rome's wealthiest and successful business men, is the central figure of the story. He is an aristocrat, brilliant, handsome, self-centered and driven by his fleshly appetites. Still suffering and confused by an enormous personal tragedy, he is searching for himself, for significance, for answers. His search is compelling, heartbreaking and exhausting. You will be forever touched by this wonderful book, as you were by the first one in the Trilogy. The third book is a must-read.

It is wonderful how Francine intertwines scripture, the message of salvation, forgiveness and love into a historical narrative that enlightens the reader about what life may have been like 40 or 50 years after Jesus was on earth. I am challenged by the deep intermacy of Hadassah with the Father and The Son Jesus and I'm spurred on to have a relationship with God and Jesus that is more intermate.

I love, love, love Francine Rivers novels and how she so effortlessly portrays the gospel. She has such a gift. This series will make you laugh and cry. It will make you take a good look at your own walk with the Lord. This story transports you into another time in history as the gospel goes forth. You will want to have the next book at hand as soon as you finish one. I am amazed in how each story seamlessly threads into the next. Read "A voice in the wind" first. You will not be disappointed with these books!!! Can't wait to start the last book in the series!

This is the best series I have ever read. My big word of advice is go ahead and buy this book (the second in the series) when you buy the first one. You will want to start this book immediately after you finish the first because the first one ends with such a cliffhanger!! I'm not going to say too much about this book's story line because I don't want to give away any spoilers. The story of the Valerians continues from the first book. You see the effect Hadassah had on all of their lives and where it takes each of them. Marcus retreats from everyone on a long journey to process everything that happened in the first book. Julia's actions continue to catch up to her and she starts to learn some hard lessons. This book felt more heavy. All the characters were dealing with and going through a lot. But the same undercurrent carries the stories through. And again in this book Hadassah is just such a great example through it all of how to live your life for God- putting your faith and future completely in His hands and trusting him- while loving people (even when they are unlovable) and just living your life with integrity no matter the circumstances. I will say I loved the ending of this one!

I enjoyed this series more than I thought I would. The narrator was above average, but not great, like Davina Porter. The story was engrossing. I would recommend it. It has borderline graphic violence, and the sexuality is left to your imagination. It also has basic morals, although the elements of Roman society were much like in the US today.

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