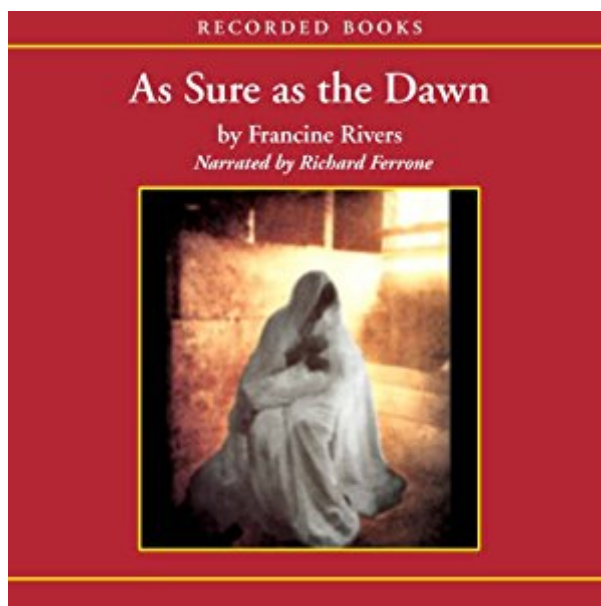


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Customer Reviews

I'm in total awe of this incredible novel/series that spoke the "true gospel of Christ-love and gentleness". Basically, spreading the "Good News of Jesus Christ". If you listen to a person who knows Christ yet walk away feeling like your sins are more the issue, that person doesn't know God's true message of His love and Him for that matter. This author leaves me in such wonder and whether you're a man or woman, Christian or not, there is something there for everybody in these three books. If you are to "take a break from the three, my advice is read 1&2 back to back and a couple of days for the third one). You'll loose out on details. It's not based religious rhetoric or fear (opposite) and especially fire and brim stone, but about the true message of "how" to live in this world with morals and if you are a Christian, the Way! Great wisdom to be had for people who seek to understand the Bible better, love stories and marriage realities not typically found in any book. Further, this particular book may help men in manhood and women who struggle with men they love who are struggling with pride. Balance in love, not torture, but great delight. I loved this series greater than anything I have ever read and I have read not just "Christian "books. Mainly, literary. I'll be the first to admit that the Christian market needs help in the name of interesting books. You will not be lacking that in this series! Personally, I'm tired of The Amish, knitting Christian novels lacking

vocabulary or higher intellectual writing and thought. However, this book/series will brand your mind long after the pages have been closed. Sadly because it's over!

Rivers completes her Mark of the Lion trilogy by further developing the character of Atretes who was pivotal in the life of Julia in book 2. Like the first two in the series, the historical setting of ancient Rome and its surrounding regions is vivid and engaging. Against this backdrop, freed gladiator Atretes seeks to set up an elaborate home for his beloved Julia only to find nothing but betrayal. Into his subsequent depression and mounting anger arrives gentle Rizpah and her fatherless child. The path that follows takes these very different people into the wilds of Germania on a quest for home, hope, and happiness in a way that will leave the reader satisfied.

This series as a whole is 5 stars for me. This book picks up with Atretes where we left him in the first book. The events happen pretty much in parallel to the events of the 2nd book so we get no further updates on Hadassah and Marcus. There are so many moments in this book I love. Many times Atretes and Rizpah reminded me of Beast and Belle, especially the scenes in the beginning in Atretes villa. It was emotional and comical at the same time. I thought that the last quarter of the book ran a little slow and then the climax and resolution seemed a little rushed. I didn't have the same heart wrenching emotions at the end of this book as I did with the first two, but I still really enjoyed and appreciated this story and the characters' development. This series is powerful and beautiful and I enjoyed the journey. It has made me reflect on my relationship with Christ and I thank Francine Rivers for that.

I'd forgotten how marvelous this book is. The narrator truly brought the characters to life. From the rich and vivid descriptions depicted in this story to the anguished emotions and amazing Christian faith of the characters, all these elements add to the enjoyment of this incredible book. I'm so glad I decided to listen to the audio. Happy reading!

This book is heavy handed with the scriptures. I understand this series was her first after becoming a Christian and this book, above the others in the series, reveals her new found faith. Unfortunately, for this believer, it weakens the story.

My wife and I have been reading this series at bedtime. I was very incredulous at first, but I actually enjoyed the first book enough to start the second, and then of course I had to read the third. I

enjoyed the whole series, and would recommend it as a good clean read with adventure and a great story and setting. I think the story line and concept of the series is a 5, but Rivers' writing style is less than perfect, meaning that certain words like 'sardonically' appear almost on every page. This has become something that my wife and I laugh about every time it appears, but if we hadn't chosen to laugh, we would be gritting our teeth. Luckily that particular word appears less in this book, but I was still not impressed by the actual writing style. Additionally, there are times where the writing is a little too preachy. As a Christian, I enjoy the way that gospel themes are presented, but again, Rivers is unable to write in such a way that the conversation doesn't seem to break the third wall and become preaching to the reader. I think the reading level is pretty low, and though it deals with tough issues, it does so in an appropriate way that any teenager or even older pre-teen could enjoy.

It simply wasn't as good as the first two. I was disappointed. It just drug on on on and then would finally hit on a highlight of the book. It just wasn't as good a read as the other two.

What an amazing series! This book was a great read. I enjoyed Atretes as a character in the first two books and was excited when I discovered the third book would be his story. I must admit that there was something about this book that made it slightly more difficult to read, more of a chore. It could have been because of the closure I felt at the end of the second book. I have been recommending this series to everyone (it was recommended to me by a co-worker). I urge people to read it even though it may be outside of their typical genre. The message in the books transcends romance, religious, historical, drama. I would read the series over again. The friend who recommended the book to me said it spoke to her differently each time she read through. I will also be checking out some more of Francine Rivers' work. Love her detail and knowledge of the time period, also the way she ties in scripture and messages from God.

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