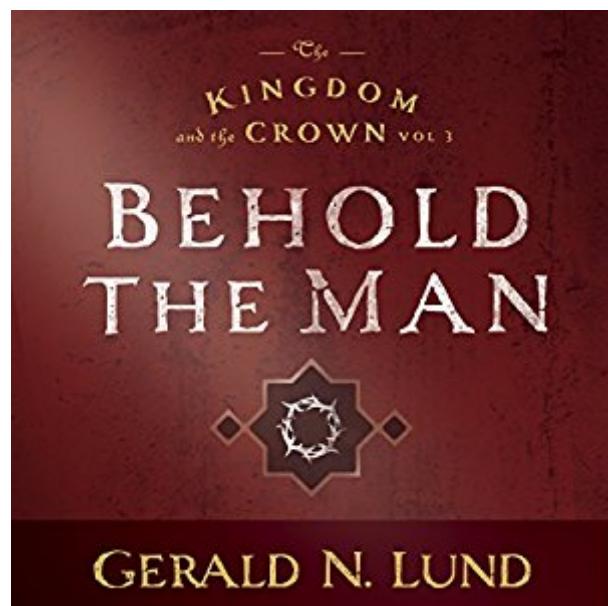


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Synopsis

Jesus of Nazareth has been preaching in Judea for three years and has gathered many followers with his teachings and miracles. But he has also made enemies who fear his power and his influence and who have conspired to put an end to him by whatever means possible. The family of David ben Joseph continues to follow Jesus, though the Savior's teachings now carry an undercurrent of sorrow and unsettling prophecy. And despite increasing danger, Jesus' ministry draws him inexorably toward Jerusalem. As the end of Jesus' ministry - and his life - approaches, the lines are swiftly and solidly drawn between those who will stand for Jesus and those who will tear him down. The final volume of The Kingdom and the Crown series, Behold the Man details the last week of Jesus' life - his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the spiritually fulfilling Last Supper, and the crowning achievement of the Atonement that begins in the Garden of Gethsemane and culminates in the Garden Tomb.

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Customer Reviews

This is the first book that I ever read that I think would actually be classified as a distopian plot. I have fond memories of reading it as a child. It had a bright orange cover and I can't even tell you how many times I read it. Way too many to count! It was my favorite. I was really excited to get to read it again as an adult. I'm pretty sure I liked it as much as an adult as I did as a child. I like everything about this book. I really like the characters. I like Eric and his village. I like the way they are able to make what they used to have or get along without the things they used to have. I like

how they all stick together through everything. But their way of life changes overnight when they have visitors from the outside world that actually do have everything the world used to have. I like Nicole too. I like the way she has kind of a child like faith about things. She just believes the things she has been told are true. But when she discovers for herself that those things are wrong, she is able to turn from them and help others to create a better life for everyone. The plot of this one has plenty of action. There's bombs blowing things up, there's danger and violence and it pretty much keeps your mind engaged as it hops from one thing to the next. I like the way I'm able to picture what's happening in my mind and I like to imagine and wonder just what would happen if our world was like this. What would I do? How would I react to certain things? This is one of those books that I just want to jump into the plot and find out the answers to my questions. I would have to say it was one of the pivotal books for me that made me want to be a reader. Make sure you pick it up and see what you think!

Is it possible to have paradise on Earth, a place where there is no anger, war, or pain? Your immediate reply will probably be *No*, and I'm pretty sure you're right. However, if you were a citizen of Shalev, you might think otherwise. What is Shalev? Only a fictional city, built after a world that was almost completely destroyed in a nuclear war, a city thought to be a paradise by its citizens. But is that really what it is? In *The Alliance* by Gerald N. Lund, a young man named Eric Lloyd is transported against his will to the city of Shalev, one of four cities of the Alliance that is ruled by the Major. At first Shalev seems wonderful, but soon Eric discovers the real purpose for the irremovable watches fixed on everyone's wrists and the silicon chips that the Major implanted in everyone's brains. Eric and a group of rebels must fight for their freedom, but the Alliance is powerful. How will Eric succeed? This book was gripping. I stayed up until eleven p.m. reading it! Gerald N. Lund measured out the right amounts of adventure and tension, making an irresistible mix that kept you turning the pages steadily. I can just picture him saying, *Hmm, let's add a tablespoon of action there (a bear fight) . . . that chapter needs a half teaspoon of tension . . . let's make the Major turn off the sirens . . . there . . .* The ideal concoction for a gripping book! The characters in *The Alliance* had a certain depth to them. They experienced fear, doubt, joy, and many other emotions with an astonishing vividness, such as when Eric's mother watched while her daughter was implanted. The characters had a certain humanness to them. Eric wasn't a superhero, gentle with anyone who wasn't the bad guy. Nicole, a Guardian in the Alliance, wasn't totally sure that the Alliance was perfect. If Eric were a superhero, and Nicole were totally sure that the Alliance was

perfect in every way, they would have seemed fake, and the story would have lost much of its meaning. The Alliance is an absolute must-read. It is a remarkable story with a remarkable message: people must choose to be good. They cannot be forced to behave. But beware! It can be a real fight (almost as bad as EricÃ¢Â™s fight with a bear!) to put this book down. If you'd like to see more youth reviewed books, go to my blog, bookshelfexplorer.

I just finished this wonderful trilogy about a family living in the time of Christ and their interaction with Jesus of Nazareth. It's a educational, historical, well-documented gripping masterpiece. The story is well-woven, with end notes after each chapter giving historical insight, references and letting the reader know what is historical and what is a literary device. It's true to the New Testament account of Christ's teachings, while adding in a fictional family with their friends who have a variety of reactions to this new preacher Who is he? Is He the Messiah? Belief has consequences. It answered many questions I had, like how could the crowds adore him one day and then call for his crucifixion the next day. How and why did some of the leaders of the Jews bring this execution to pass - against their own laws?? I love historical novels that bring history to life and teach the reader. This author exceeds expectations.

Wouldn't be nice if crime, greed, dishonesty, etc., could be eliminated from society. However, enforcement is not the answer, because "the baby gets tossed out along with the wash water." Lund shows us such a society, and nicely portrays enforced utopia's diabolical side, something we all seem to instinctively know. The book is fast paced and exciting. Hard to put down. Sad when it's over. And a lot of fun.

This book has some great action elements to it. The author is good and making you guess what might happen next. I could really see this easily turned into a motion picture with a few updates to the technology, but by in large this story is that intriguing. I thought that the character development was perfect. Not too much and not so little that your demanding more. This story is about the most basic thing we all want, but all take for granted. That is the ability to make decisions for ourselves even if they are wrong choices. This freedom is fundamental and I like the author's approach to making drama out of that idea.

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