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Courage And Corruption (Tales Of Taelis Book 3)



Synopsis

Catherine is going with her mother and younger siblings to the mountains to hide from the coming war. While she fears what might happen she is looking forward to some time away from her twin brother, with whom she often fights. One foolish act changes all their plans, and one story caused not only confusion, but more fighting. Christopher does not believe his father's story that they are descended from royalty. He is sure the story his father tells cannot be true. However, he is forced to go to the mountain castle of Coraway along with his mother and siblings. Will his father ever see him as a man? Will he and his twin ever be able to stop fighting? Little do Catherine and Christopher realize that they hold the key to Taelis's future in their hands. While they discover the truth before it is too late?

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Customer Reviews

Still enjoying this series. :) I think this one was the most well-written in the series yet, and it's awesome to see this author's writing improving more and more over time! It's about a twin brother and sister (Christopher and Catherine)

who don't get along. :P They have to learn to become better people etc. There are a lot of strong Christian messages/themes along this line throughout the book. :) I didn't enjoy the first half of the story as much because it was hard reading about these characters being so angry and argumentative, so I... kind of didn't like them very much then because they had so much to learn. Likely just one of my reading quirks. :P So for that reason, it wasn't my /personal/ favorite of the series, even though it's the most well-written and would likely be a favorite with most readers. :) In the second half of the book, I warmed to the story much more, and I found myself quite enjoying the intrigue and excitement, once most of the character-building parts had been dealt with. :) I LOVED the plot that emerged in this one, linking back to a certain event in Adventures and Adversities, and featuring descendants of the little prince from that one! :O I was so hoping that plot would come back and it DID. :D That was one of my favorite things about the story. ^_^ My other main favorite thing was all the little stories Uncle Edwin told. :) That was so fun, like lots of mini tales within this one; my favorite was the one about the Shepherd King and the one about Princess Brianna and John in the garden. :D Lovely little follow-up to Brothers and Betrayal! AWK. Such cute.

^_^ It's been great reading more of these books set in the medieval country of Taelis! I especially loved seeing familiar places like Coraway Castle and Delmore Castle (both of which are super super cool... I'd love to live in Coraway Castle! I hope to see more of it in future books too. :)). There are also lots of references to characters and events from the first two books, which I loved. ^_^ (Some of that's inevitably a little sad though, of course, with multiple generations. :(But oh well. Otherwise I liked the references.) Oh, and along that line, it was neat to see the main characters from Brothers and Betrayal in this one a little, much older but still lurking around being great. :) Bryon, John, and Brianna all make appearances. :) Overall, while some of it didn't click for me personally, I think most people would really enjoy this! If you like Christian fiction with strong themes and families and adventure and medieval times, you will probably like this one; and like I said, it's probably the most well-written yet. :) Can also stand alone. I'm definitely curious to continue reading this series in this lovely land of Taelis. ^_^

What I Liked: Oh where to begin with this story lol There was a little angst in this, guys. I love my angst. So I enjoyed that aspect. This story hit a little closer to home, in while that I am not experiencing the conflicts of the MCs, per se, I am personally struggling with the lesson they learned and kept learning (which is also something I enjoyed but I

digress). This story dealt a lot with (that big, ugly word) surrender. So this story was timely for me in that way. As mentioned previously, I appreciated that when the main character finally came to grips with “hey I’m wrong, I need to change” he did not change over night. He wasn’t suddenly perfect – he could still be a jerk and occasionally selfish, but he was now aware and working on it, so he acted out on it less and less. This is how change usually happens in real life, so to see it occur in the story was genuine and encouraging. (Especially to see how he continued to learn and grow in it.) What I did not Like: This is actually a good thing, but the two main characters bicker a ton in the beginning and frankly, it drove me nuts lol! However! The bickering is essential to their stories and character growth and we as readers are not supposed to enjoy it, so it was actually great writing on Sarah’s part. But it drove me bonkers lol. So we get a good sense of sympathy to those suffering around our MCs because of it lol

I really love the Tales of Taelis series. Each time I read one of these books I am reminded by that fact. They’re excellent! I know that when I read one, I will be getting not only a very captivating story, but one that is full of Godly insight and truth weaved into its very core. I love that. C&C was a great tale of two siblings - they were rivals for a fair amount, but both opened themselves up to God at different times, and that was beautiful. And Jacob, the younger brother, was quite precious. All the characters were well written and relatable. And realistic; though this story is set in a sort of mediaval time period (yet still its own world), it is not hard to relate to the setting or characters at all - I find myself easily drawn into the story. They’re clean, uplifting, and entertaining. Great things to find in a novel! Wouldn’t hesitate to recommend to all ages. (I would also like to say that when I reached the end and read the ‘acknowledgements’ section, I was surprised to find my name listed - that was so sweet! So, thank you Sarah! It’s a pleasure being apart of your ‘team’!)

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