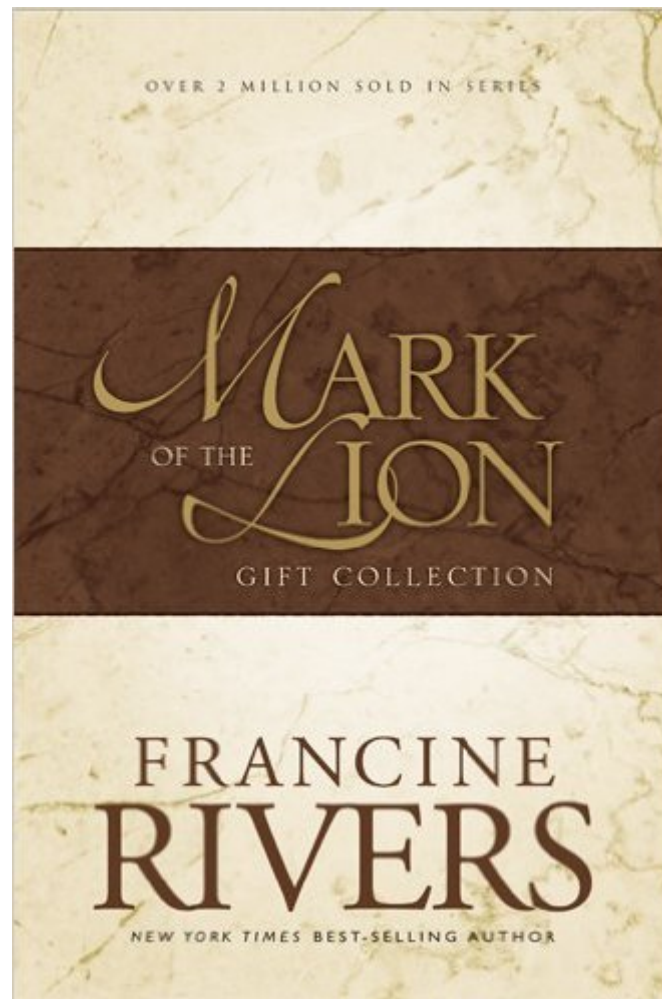


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# Mark Of The Lion : A Voice In The Wind, An Echo In The Darkness, As Sure As The Dawn (Vol 1-3)



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## Customer Reviews

You could buy these books one at a time, but why? As soon as I finished one, I was immediately reaching for the next. They are that good. The first book in the series, *\*A Voice in the Wind\**, introduces us to the characters. During the first half, the pace is rather frenetic, and the chapters skip from one character's story to the next. I found it a bit confusing at times. It was an interesting tale, but one I could put down. Halfway through the first book, the characters converge, the tension builds and I was absolutely hooked. In my opinion, the second book was even better than the first (which is saying a lot -- I LOVED the first book). All of the magic of the first book is found in the

second -- and more. A word of advice: when you read the first book, be sure and read the chapter that is included introducing *\*An Echo in the Darkness\** that follows. I ignored it, thinking that it would be redundant; however, this chapter is NOT included in the sequel, and it VERY important. A quarter of the way into *\*An Echo in the Darkness\**, I went back and read this and it answered a lot of questions! As soon as I finish writing this review, I will start reading *\*As Sure as the Dawn\**, the final book in this series. I can't wait to discover what happens to Atretes, the German warrior whose story we were introduced to in *\*A Voice in the Wind\**. All in all, a wonderful, heartwarming and inspiring story. Sparks your imagination of what it would have been like to be a First Century Christian living in Rome and Ephesus.

In a short time Francine Rivers has become one of our finest Christian authors, and *The Mark Of the Lion Trilogy* is her crown jewel. Quite simply, these are my favorite works of fiction, ever. While other authors may sell more books at times, none can WRITE like this woman. The trilogy's setting is a short time after the resurrection of Christ, in the Roman Empire. Using a Hebrew slave girl (Hadassah) and a German gladiator (Atretes; think the movie *Gladiator*) as the main characters, three books are crafted with themes of faith, redemption and sacrifice. Rivers is one of the best at writing characters and the ones she creates here are absolutely convincing -- flawed and heroic on multiple layers, with developmental conflicts that relate to modern times almost seamlessly. These books will not only grab hold of you and demand to be finished but they will challenge you to take your walk with God to a much deeper level. Do not read this series unless you want to be changed. No other stories have every affected me in such a deep way. Forget the *Left Behind* series and go invest in a true Christian classic. Five Stars, times three.

A friend recommended Francine Rivers' *"Mark of the Lion"* series to me, and I am so grateful!! I love to read, but it is not often that my life is enriched by a work of fiction. From the very first book I found myself not only engaged, but challenged. Rivers begins by challenging her readers to a life committed to sharing the gospel and living Christ's love, through her main character, Hadassah. The second book takes an honest and powerful look at forgiveness, as God would have us forgive and love those who have hurt us most deeply. Finally, *"As Sure As the Dawn"* takes us into the heart and mind of an unbeliever who is chained by his anger. As I read of God's work in this man's life, I felt I was seeing an eye-opening perspective of my own life. Each book became so personal to me. The writing and research into each book is absolutely incredible. As a person with degree in English literature, it is so nice to read a book that I don't find myself editing as I read it!! I am certainly a new

fan of Francine Rivers, and look forward to reading the rest of her work!

Francine Rivers has an amazing gift from God to tell a believable story from completely foreign time and place and make the reader feel like they know the characters personally. The linkages between today's culture and that of the Roman Empire are astounding - This book helped me fully appreciate the unchanging nature of God throughout history . Thank you for writing this series Francine, I can't wait to read more of your books!

Generally, I dislike fictional books, however, in the "Mark of the Lion" series, Francine Rivers has successfully achieved a remarkable feat. By creating what could soon become known as a masterpiece in Christian fictional literature, Ms. Rivers brings the characters to life with incredibly evoking realism, emotion, and soul. The chapters quickly engulf you, and the portrayal of life in the Imperial Roman Empire is surreal. The life of the Jewish slave Hadassah, the tragedy and triumph in her life, nonlessthan captivate the imagination, and are a testament to what faith really is. The historical accuracy and the terms (which are well defined throughout) are evidence that Ms. Rivers researched her material thoroughly, and add to the validity of the story. This is not just another novel, but rather a story that vividly depicts a glimpse into the cultural history of "the Nazarenes" (early Christians) during the first century. These books are not only a great read, they will change you - every Christian should read them. Perhaps the only negative thing about these books is that I couldn't put them down! I've read them all twice, and now they're circulating among my Christian and non-believer friends, and their reviews are all extremely positive. Buy all three, otherwise you'll be paying for overnight delivery from to ship the second and third books.

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