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A dangerous new order threatens the mission of the Knights of Arrethtræ. Only loyalty to the King can bring victory!

As the Knights of the Prince await His triumphant return, they are steadfast in their mission to take His story into the kingdom and recruit as many as are willing. But when a new and dangerous threat is revealed, their mission is jeopardized.

Sir Kendrick and his young charge, the impetuous Sir Duncan, are sent on a mission to discover the identity and origin of a secretive new order known as the Conquistero Knights. They travel to the city of Bel Lione where Lord Ra has been enticing young people in the kingdom to join his festivals, after which many choose not to return home. Their families keep quiet for fear of repercussion.

When Sir Duncan disappears while trying to discover the truth of Lord Ra's castle, Sir Kendrick attempts to find and enlist the help of a mysterious warrior. Time is short for he must save Duncan and call upon the knights of Chessington to join in the battle against the evil Lord Ra.

Journey to Arrethtræ, where these knights of noble heart live and die in loyal service to the King and the Prince. These knights are mighty, for they serve a mighty King. They are...the Knights of Arrethtræ!

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Joe says

best book i ever read. I like the fighting parts.

Karen says

My son really enjoyed this book and gave it a 5 star rating. In his words: " This book was very exciting and had lots of action, I didn't want to put it down. I thought it was real cool that God and Jesus were the King & Prince who defeat Lucius (the devil)."

Catherine Hawthorn says

Okay, I have been converted into a Chuck Black fan.

His allegorys are a little obvious, I would have preferred a little more mystery to them. But I loved the simple story and the characters were excellent!

RW ratings:

Language: 5 stars.

Abuse: 5 stars*. Manipulation is present, but all is used by the villian.

Lust: 5 stars. There is a young couple that are mutually attracted to each other and their romance is handled very chastely.

David says

Being the first book by Chuck Black that I have read, Sir Kendrick and the Castle of Bel Lione is a first-rate page turner that had me up well into the early hours of the morning. Black creates believable characters in a world that is, despite the lack of modern conveniences, comfortable for the reader; perhaps because it is so much like our own.

I have read many Christian books (both fiction and non-fiction) and none of them have encouraged me to live my life in greater dedication to our King then this book has.

The highest congratulations are in order to you, sir, for doing such a superb job of writing Christian allegory that is honest, exciting, instructional and enticing. Thank you. You are truly doing Kingdom work!

I highly recommend this book to both young and old alike and will be seeking out all of Mr. Black's other works to read in the very near future.

Connie says

In his call to destroy the evil of the Castle of Bel Lione, Sir Kendrick must emotionally face again the loss of his wife and son and the one who destroyed them. Will he forgive? Rebellion and foolishness reap slavery and destruction; loyalty to the Prince and His ways gives life and freedom. "The King reigns." "And His Son!"

Abigail Rasmussen says

The first book of the Knights of Arrethrae series, the story of Sir Kendrick is one of healing and forgiveness. It includes a few characters from the Kingdom Series but mostly introduces new characters.

I recommend this book because it is character building, forgiveness is admired, and truth is honored.

Amanda Tero says

I listened to this as an audiobook and enjoyed it very much. I don't think I would have liked it quite as much, just reading the text, because of the way it was written, but it worked very well as an audiobook.

It definitely is a book that makes me think. Black delves into the spiritual realm, and I've not really read books like that before. Some people might not like that they reference God as the King of the land and Jesus as Prince (so when they pray, they pray, "Prince, help me."), but everything that was mentioned about them was accurate.

I'm not 100% sure that the way they presented angels is Biblically accurate. I guess because it's a realm that we can't fully understand and Black took a little creative liberty there. Besides that, I couldn't place anything that felt unBiblical.

The story in and of itself was captivating. I was listening critically because of the analogy-theme, but let me get beyond the whole analogy. The STORY was very fast-paced and full of excitement. It felt a little jerky at times and portions were predictable (the author in me coming out), but eventually built to a nice climax.

I would continue this series--likely as audiobook. It was captivating and made me think a little more about the things that happen behind the scenes.

Austin says

Chuck Black writes a great tale about 2 knights who are loyal to a prince and want to take out evil in Arrethrae.

My review is 4.2. The great things in the book are 1. plot 2. characters 3. The way it was written.

1. The plot is extrodinary because of the action, friendship and even the little romance shared between Duncan and Elise.
2. All the characters are well developed. Kendrick, Duncan, Ancel, Elise, Lady Oddette, Lord Ra, Mr. Morley, Bronwyn, Landor, Tearra and Casimir.
3. The book was exellently written. No flaws.

My one problem was minor. The book should be longer. When Kendrick rode somewhere it said it would be a 3 day journey. In those3 days there could have been action or something else.

Great job by Chuck Black and I cant wait to read the other books.

Josiah says

I really liked this book! It was packed with action and suspense. It is based of Christian beliefs which I LOVE! We go through a journey in mid evil times to save the prisoners of the castle at Bel Lion!

Glenn says

Still a great book to read... Chuck Black sure does know how to tell a good story... Highly recommended

Abigail says

I've read this book about 5 times. I love it more and more each time I read it!!! Adventure and somewhat mystery of what's gonna happen next! This book keeps you on your toes. I keep telling myself "One more chapter".... 6 Chapters later...

Leah Good says

Haunted by a painful past, Sir Kendrick is a dedicated and serious knight. When he is told that a new knight, the youthful and enthusiastic Sir Duncan is to accompany him on a mission, Kendrick is slightly irritated. Such small frustrations soon fade. A new and dangerous sect of knights is rising. Can Kendrick and Duncan figure out what is happening in Bel Lione? Will the mission cost them their lives?

I highly recommend this book, and the rest of Chuck Black's books. They are fun to read, meaningful, and fast paced.

Becky B says

And once again, a modern Christian fantasy series is just so-so.

The Knights of Arrathrae follows Chuck Black's Kingdom series, but that series is summarized so well at

the beginning of this book there is no need to read that series first. Mr Black says that this series was written to teach Christian principles and is not as much of an allegory as the Kingdom series, but the intro to this book is pretty much a paraphrase and adaption of the intro to the book of Acts. There are several parallels between the Knights of the Prince and Jesus' disciples in Acts.

In this book, the wise and experienced Sir Kenderick is sent out with the young and overeager Sir Duncan to go find the source of evil in their region. They quickly discover that Lord Ra in Bel Lione is that source, and find a way to defeat him.

I gave this 2 stars because even though the plot is decent and it has some great Christian principles to teach kids, it left something to be desired in the writing. Don't get me wrong, the plot has incredible potential and Chuck Black for the most part has built an allegory that works very well. However, it seems like he spent all the time on the plot, oh, and the sword fighting. The characters are flat as flat can be. The plot moves very quickly and the author does more telling than showing of what happens. The only time you really get descriptions of action or setting are during sword fights. I felt like I was reading a summary of a Reader's Digest condensed book. Chuck Black might do well to find another author to work with who could help him flesh out his plot, characters and setting.

I don't think I will be in any rush to read the rest of this series, but I will probably recommend it to middle school students. It seems just about the right pace and depth for hyperactive middle school boys.

Timothy says

this book is fabuloso. I couldn't stop reading it. the world is just like the town of Bel Lione. it looks wonderful on the outside but inside ther are many problems. this book is one that i could read over and over again. (if i had it that is) this auther deserves a reward of some sort. if there was a christian nobel prise he would recieve it. i'm surprised he hasn't recieived a nobile prize yet. this book deserves two thumbs up plus a hand clap, 5 stars, and a best read award.

JonathanT says

SAY HELLO TO MY CHILDHOOD. I first read this series when I was probably about twelve, and I've read it multiple times since then. Sir Kendrick is probably my least favorite of the series—the development of the plot and characters is extremely simplistic. Still, it's hard to fault a book with such a classic storyline for simplicity, plus Sir Kendrick proves to be a fairly profound commentary on rebellion and forgiveness. I loved it this time through and would definitely recommend it to ALL AGES. Just don't go into it expecting to get something literary or prosaic, or else you'll be disappointed. XD

"I must admit that your Prince is no longer a fairytale to me."
