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Madelyn says

This was an extremely enjoyable version of the story of Silas, scribe to Paul and Peter. She made connections throughout the gospels of stories that could have possibly been about Silas, such as the rich young ruler (in Luke it gives more detail of the account, and she presumes it refers to him).

I love how she fits the pieces together and wove an in-depth story of how he saw things, and how she presents a picture of the harsh persecution and what it was like to go through that. She displays the biblical-time period very well. It's given me a new image of what it was like to live then.

She expertly incorporates scriptures in dialog and throughout the book, and teaches many lessons of the Bible through the lives of the characters. Very well done and I would recommend it to anyone!

Marlene Banks says

Excellent!

Laura Ellison says

I feel like I get to know so much more about the people from the Bible from Francine's works. Silas is mentioned much in the New Testament but I couldn't have told you much about him before reading this. I don't take these books as 100% truth, there is some creative liberty added, but I can still get a good idea of his character and his role in what happened in history.

Veronica says

I am so, so sad to see this series end. 'The Scribe' was another intensely moving installment. Despite having a slightly different feeling from the other books, this book was still excellent and opened my eyes to aspects of my faith I had never considered before.

librarian4Him02 says

A friend of mine is a fan of Francine Rivers books and I've ben meaning to pick one up for some time now. When I saw this on my library's shelf I decided to give it a try. In addition, I like historical fiction set during the days of the early church. So, I looked forward to listening to this during my daily commute.

I wasn't disappointed. Rivers' use of scripture and thorough research brought the book to life for me. I came away wanting to know more about the real life Silas who served as fellow minister and scribe with Paul and Peter. I'm looking forward to reading others in this Sons of Encouragement series.

Jeanine says

Francine Rivers has a way of taking the reader into the lives of Biblical men & women who lived & breathed and held for all times in the pages of history as told in the Bible. Silas is a person we know little about. So, by taking the little we do know, or rather gave much attention to, and bringing that which is known into a readable format, Francine Rivers has done him justice. I loved how he became a living person, one I could identify with in his struggles of faith & living a life of faith when persecution was the common denominator in the historical period of the day. I've learned that God's will for us isn't as dogmatic or written in stone as we probably want it to be. Isn't it easier to hold onto something we have believed to be His will than to be flexible to seeking His will during different seasons of our lives? It's not easy to change course, but it is needful for our continuing spiritual growth.

Gloria says

This last book in the five book series follows Silas. The narrative switches between the present for Silas and his memories as he writes a scroll.

The author here conjectures that Silas was the rich young ruler and the second man on the way to Emmaus. It is also assumed that Silas wrote the book of Hebrews, under orders from Paul.

Silas is "recuperating" from being near Paul and Peter just being martyred under Nero. Epanetus suggested that Silas write his memoirs while he stayed there. Hence the memories and back to the present. In Silas' memories, some of the statements in various epistles were reminders of statements that had been made in conversations. In the present, Silas taught and remembered fell in love with a widow named Diana and her son, Curiatus. When he left Puteolii, that is when the marriage took place, at the end of the book, before he and his new family set out for Iberia to take the message of Jesus there and beyond.

Anna Meyer says

This told Silas's story. I love reading historical fiction about the early church, and Silas, who spent time with both Peter and Paul, did not disappoint! This story was so encouraging!

Kim♥ says

The Scribe follows the journeys of Silas, the scribe who traveled with Paul and Peter. Along the way, it gives amazing insight into the lives and faith of early church believers and brings the New Testament to life.

This book is incredibly relevant to our lives today and made such an impact on me. So inspiring! I was in tears by page seven. It's easily one my favorites in this series (along with *The Prophet*) and from Francine Rivers in general. I didn't want the story to end, and I'm sure I will read it again. It made me eager to read the New Testament from beginning to end, and to live for Christ no matter the cost- a true mark of a great

Christian book!

Angie says

This is my favorite of Francine Rivers' "Sons of Encouragement" novellas. She has done a masterful job of presenting the Gospel. Great writing! Very biblical (within the limits of fiction).

Sharon says

AS usual Francine Rivers writes a book that makes you look at events you thought you knew in a new light. Written through the eyes of Silas, it can teach ALL of us how to forgive ourselves for being less than we wanted to be in a situation.

Art says

Interesting look at the man who travelled w/Apostles Paul and Peter and the persecution that took place to the Christians of the day.

Went well w/seeing the movie, "Paul, Apostle of Christ"

The things that we don't realize what it took to bring the Message of good news to all of us throughout the ages.

Made me want to re-read the Bible and go back to studying Biblical Time periods of History.

Heather says

This book, although fictional, helps the reader understand and learn about the beginnings of Christianity. It made me want to be an early Christian, facing persecution and all. Very powerful read. Made me think and reach for my Bible.

Jaret says

This was an interesting Christian historical fiction about Silas, the Scribe to Peter and Paul. It was interesting to read his point of view of the events in the New Testament. Silas recorded the events of the early church after Christ's crucifixion. He was able to give a different perspective as a participant, but not one of the main apostles. The story was an interesting mix of Silas's present and past. I'm going to check out the rest in this "Sons of Encouragement" series.

Mandy J. Hoffman says

MY REVIEW:

The Scribe is an amazing book that looks into the life of Silas and the apostles as the church began after Christ died and rose again. This book, the fifth in the *Sons of Encouragement* series, has a different feel to it. It is more personal versus a complete third person story.

I enjoyed the careful mix of fiction with biblical fact that creates a close up look at the experiences of well known Bible heroes like Paul and Peter and some not-so-well-known ones like Silas, Luke, and John Mark. There were many moments while listening to this audio version that I was in tears as I heard and thought about what the first Christians endured. This book brings the Bible accounts to life in your imagination in a way that will make the Bible so much more real to anyone.

While you can read this book in print or by listening to this audio version published by Oasis Audio, I must say I really enjoyed the wonderful narration in this audio format. Listening to this incredible story makes your housework go faster and makes family traveling become a riveting ride rather than a boring journey.

BOOK OVERVIEW:

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