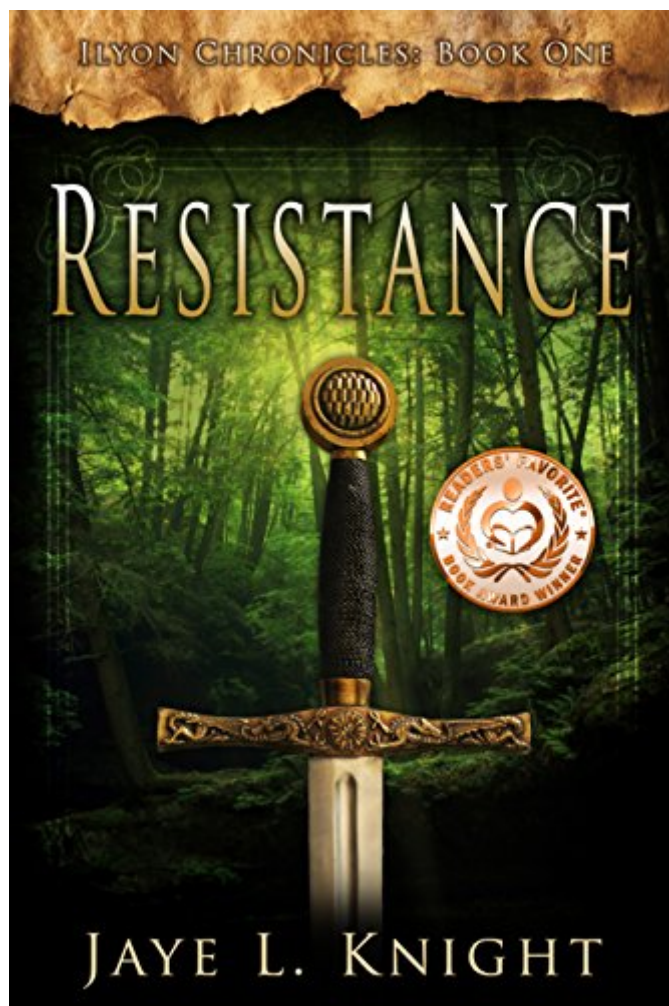


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Synopsis

“Don’t you know? Animals like you have no soul.” • Could God ever love a half-blood all of society looks upon with such fear and disdain? Jace once believed so, but when a tragic loss shatters the only peace he’s ever known, his faith crumbles as the nagging doubts he’s tried to put behind him descend on his grieving heart. With them come the haunting memories of the bloodstained past he longs to forget, but can never escape. Taken from home at a young age and raised to serve the emperor, Kyrin Altair lives every day under a dangerous pretense of loyalty. After her unique observation skills and perfect memory place her into direct service to the emperor, Kyrin finds herself in further jeopardy as it becomes increasingly difficult to hide her belief in El’im, the one true God. Following the emperor’s declaration to enforce the worship of false gods under the penalty of death, many lives are endangered. But there are those willing to risk everything to take a stand and offer aid to the persecuted. With their lives traveling paths they never could have imagined, Jace and Kyrin must fight to overcome their own fears and conflicts with society as they become part of the resistance. (Christian Fantasy/Clean New Adult/No Magic)

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I loved all three of these books. I liked the way Our Lord is represented as well as the doubt of "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief" moments. I really liked the world that this young lady created. I can't wait to continue the series. As a Catholic Christian I am really appreciative that there is no disparage of Catholicism that some writers use in their plots. Fulton Sheen once said there are probably ten people who truly hate Catholics, but there are thousands who hate what they think Catholicism is. I give this system the Catholic seal of approval. Thank you for your story.

Sweet Elom, where do I even start. I'm not a big fantasy reader (prefer historical) but am always on the hunt for a great hero book. This author happens to be a fan of my own work so when I saw this book on sale on Facebook for .99 I grabbed it. Well before I tossed it in my to be read pile on my ereader, I wanted to read "just a little." That was five days ago and I finished it just now. It's rare I stumble into a book this great without help from my reader and author friends recommending it first, but I absolutely did and am so glad. Now I get to go tell all of them "You must read this." The author grabbed me by the throat in the opening scenes by playing the wounded hero card which is my absolute reader drug of choice. As talented a writer as I am no review I write will do this book justice. I'm going to try anyway while staying spoiler free to preserve the reader experience of a very rich, multi-layered plot. There are so many sub plots but they never tangle and always tie back to the central conflict - good and evil in the forms of followers of Elom the true God and the 2 pagan gods. I loved that as I moved through the characters and got to know them in their separate stories at the beginning, the world building and characterization were so well woven I never felt lost or needed to refer to the maps or race listings (which honestly freak me out because I'm like... if I need cliff notes to the story world I'm already in trouble, LOL but I found I never needed to refer to them. The way the author drew me into the story world and pace at which story and world elements were introduced were so natural and well done I was never lost. Only intrigued.) It takes an incredible amount of skill and author chops to carry as many point of view characters as this novel has in a way that enriches rather than confuses the full depth of the storytelling. Second, it takes even more skill to write a book that is as equally plot driven as it is character driven, and this book does that in spades. It is quite simply fantastic. It's long, and at times in the middle pacing did drag a bit but I had to know what was going to happen to Jace and Kyrin and all the other characters I'd come to love so that wasn't overly burdensome to get through the few slow places. Along the way I chuckled now and then, felt my reader heart get ripped apart in my chest, a few misty eyed moments, and in the final pages I wanted to stand up and shout "right here, right now, we are the resistance" with a

sword at my side too. Just as a great story, this novel is already that. But in light of the rampant persecution in our own real world, today, beneath the story resonating with my own soul was that one day the fortitude to stand strong for the faith in the face of death may one day become my reality. I hope and pray if and when that time comes, I show not only the fortitude of the 21 Egyptian martyrs, but that of these characters, as well. So thankful book 2 is already out, and I've already bought it. However I'm using it as an incentive as a reward for when I get my own next book in my series out, I'm looking forward to it that much. One final note is that at my core I am a romance reader/writer and I was so impressed with how a "romantic thread" played out in this novel. That's all I will say to stay spoiler free but to witness such a relationship of healing and self-discovery that was so strong and pure, without physical attraction or any element of traditional romance was beautiful, believable, and awe inspiring. Well done, Jaye L. Knight. Well done.

Wow! Knight's writing style has matured a good bit since the early Molly days. The dynamics she sets up is top-quality when it comes to encouragement for the Christian. A brother and sister face genuine persecution for their faith, and have to look out for one another. Great tension! Leading right in with the rescue of a slave who could and likely would kill His rescuer was excellent! I appreciated the way Rayad actually didn't curb his actions by fear of death. He did the right thing though death was a real possibility. I have been so pleased to read this book! It is very exciting to see budding authors like Jaye take on real Christian themes and weave a story that will encourage young people to walk the walk and take a stand for Christ! To weave a story in a fictional world that does this is no easy undertaking. I was so refreshed by the worldview in this book and I'm glad somebody is actually writing books that are so counter-culture. Things to take away: 1. This book does a really good job of building relationships. I cared very much about Kyrin and Jace and all the other characters within the first 3rd of the book. 2. Tremendous heart of self-sacrifice. Willing to sacrifice yourself for someone else and for the principles you stand for. 3. Excellent job dealing with racism and the idea that you can't judge a book by its cover. If Christians want to be missionaries, they're going to have to allow the Holy Spirit to get them past prejudices and skin colors. 4. What would it be like to face real persecution? Real potential martyrdom? What would it be like to have to work for an evil Emperor? These themes are explored with gripping realism. The tortures do not go over the top but tell the story in a way that makes you ask yourself how you would react and feel the fear. 5. Friendship conquers all! The friendships that are developed in this book definitely grow on you and make you feel part of the camaraderie. 6. Will the common people ever be able to stand against tyrannical government? This book deals with many of the issues involved. Each

person has to make a choice whether to compromise or not. I would like to give my hearty endorsement to this book for anyone over 17 years of age. It deals with issues you will not find very often in our polytheistic culture. Besides all this, it is engaging reading with many good action sequences and tense courtly confrontations. The affection and love between brothers and sisters is encouraged and strengthened. Enjoy!

I loved this book! I was a little doubtful when I purchased it, but it was on sale so I decided to try it. This teen doesn't usually go for allegorical/Christian fiction because I feel like writers just write a book without editing it and self publish it. All fears dissipated from the very first chapter! I was worried that it would be preachy, but the prayers seem real and not cheesy or fake. The interaction between Kyrin and Jace is touching, and we deeply feel each of the character's pain and emotions. I enjoyed the brother-sister/twin relationship between Kaden and Kyrin. Sometimes it felt a little too perfect, but it kept its charm. One thing I have against this book is the plot. It felt a little predictable at times, even though the writing style contained much drama. The characters totally make up for it, and Resistance was a fantastic read overall!

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