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What makes a man a sinner?

What makes a man a saint?

Where does good stop and evil begin?

John Roberts considers himself a Christian, a religious man of God, but when his faith is shaken he begins to question the biblical rules he stood for his whole life.

Roberts' life on a slave ship is filled with hard labour, low wages, and no chance for advancement. When Roberts becomes friends with a slave named Bartholomew, he couldn't know it would start a chain of events leading him on his first sea adventure.

In an age of pirates who are slaves to no man, Roberts finds himself torn between a world of just and righteous men, and the evil sinners around every corner.

Will the religious Roberts become a sinner or stay a saint during his biblical test of faith? See where Roberts' trials take him in his short stories full of action and adventure set during the Golden Age of Piracy.

Bartholomew Roberts' Faith Details

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Adam Oster says

Got to get the standard disclaimer out of the way first: "I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review."

If you've been keeping up, you've probably seen a review or two of mine come about with the name of Jeremy McLean attached before. That's because he writes pirate books and then he asks me to read them, and I just so happen to like pirate books.

Bartholomew Roberts' Faith is one of two novellas Mr. McLean sent me recently (the second will be appearing on here shortly as I'm over the halfway point on it as we speak). Now, his other books, Blackbeard's Revenge and Blackbeard's Freedom, follow the pirate who would become known as Blackbeard. These two novellas containing Bartholomew Roberts' name, follow around the exploits of a man who will become the pirate known as Black Bart...don't worry, I keep getting them confused as well.

Confusion aside, Faith (as I'm going to shorten the title from here on out), is a solidly told, well-built story about a man coming to terms with the idea of becoming a pirate. Roberts is a religious man, who decides to spend his life at sea. He quickly realizes that good and evil aren't quite as black and white as he had initially believed...so, through a series of amazing events, he finds himself aboard a pirate ship, set off to free slaves.

This book is a ton of fun. It's got some swashbuckling (although I'd always ask for more, even if it were a thousand page book of nothing but swashbuckling....okay, no, nevermind, don't do that, please). It's got drinking! It's got pirates! And it's got a morality tale which not only manages to surprise, but also happens to be quite sweet.

In fact, the morality tale of this story is really what it's all about, and it's quite spectacular. And since this book is so short, you can read it in one sitting...unless you're like me and have three children who completely exhaust you before you even get to pick up the kindle, then it's 2 or 3 sittings.

I'd highly suggest this title.

Buy it now!

Stacy says

I really enjoyed this short story. Having read Jeremy McLean's other two books, this came as a welcome

background and insight into one of the characters from the series.

Roberts starts out working on a slaver ship. A very religious man, he questions what he is doing after becoming friends with one of the slaves. Eventually his journey leads him to becoming the Captain of his own pirate ship. Definitely worth a read, I'm looking forward to the next book :-)

Laura Reading says

Next to Walter Kennedy, John Roberts seemed as tall as a giant. Usually both men worked companionably side by side swabbing decks on the slave transport ship Princess. One day when they are not being as friendly towards each other, Roberts is sent below deck and we learn of his friendship with a captured slave. The Negro slave asks John, an unabashed Christian, how God views the slave trade.

Before John can decide how to answer, the Princess is overtaken by pirates.

John feels his captain would give the slaves a better chance at a good life than pirates; after all, aren't pirates greedy, self centered criminals? When the pirate captain declares they are there to free the slaves and return them to their home, John has doubts. This is how he joined the pirate crew.

The first thing John learns as a pirate is that the ships are run under a very unusual set of rules.

The second thing he notices is that the pirates are a mixed bunch. He begins to question his beliefs.

Not long after joining the pirate crew, along with Kennedy, they experience a naval cannon battle.

This time the pirates are after gold, which is what the sailors expect of pirates.

Again, Roberts faith and belief are tested, as are his friendships.

Kennedy becomes jealous and spiteful. John tries to do him a favor but true nature prevails.

When it becomes necessary to name a new pirate captain and set new plans in action, vengeance rears its ugly head.

This brief story sets the scene and tone for future volumes in this series.

I was drawn into the telling and did not know how things would turn out.

The characters are not complex but filled out enough to be interesting.

The idea of pirates not being the vilest option was enticing.

Elaine says

Well if rest of series continues in this path I am definitely going to be pleased. Main character has depth and story is definitely an adventure.

Beverly Laude says

This was an enjoyable short book with an intriguing story. John Roberts is a God-fearing man working on a slaver ship. When Pirates attack & take the slaves, things take a different turn.

Roberts becomes a pirate while trying to decide if he still believes in God & what he has learned from the

Bible. An interesting story with characters that are not what you expect!

Nydia Burdick says

I'm not much into Pirate books or pirate anything, but I have to admit that I was intrigued by the description of this book. The main character is a deeply religious man who ends up as a pirate. The book explores his agony of being torn between his faith and doing what is right at first for his friend Bartholomew and later dealing with corruption and wanting vengeance. No spoilers here but as he decides on his life as a pirate over his life as a Christian you have to wonder if he can really really turn his back on what is deep inside. I loved it! I will be putting the sequel on my to read list.

Redlane65 says

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This is my second book by Jeremy McLean, and I was again impressed! He is good at taking the "evil life" of the pirate and showing what the other side could have looked like. Well done! I will be reading more of Jeremy McLean!

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Matthew Brown says

Good piece of pirate fiction. It took a bit to get going, but ended up being a great tale of adventure! Love that it was a novel size story, but a short novel, so it was a quick read.

Lj says

Jeremy McLean has now become one of the authors one my "must read list".

I totally enjoyed this book and now have to read more from this series.

This book about a man's faith and morals being tested, I think a lot of readers can relate to at one time or another.

For sure worth the read

Frank Fusco says

Unique Plot

Well written fast moving story with a unique plot with pirates and a twist on the usual good versus evil. Short read I'm looking forward to the next in the series.

Holly Smyth says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review. First, I will say that it was considerably shorter than I expected. That aside it is a quick read and I was amazed at how well the characters were developed. The story surprisingly had a relevant plot and had me stopping to think about my own beliefs often. It is a well done study in faith and what it means to the individual. And beside all that, it had pirates! It was certainly worth my time to read and I look forward to the others in the series.
