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THE WORD OF GOD AGAINST THE WILL OF ROME In 67AD, Johanan – the adventurous young scribe of the Apostle Andrew – flees the siege of Caesarea on a ship sailing for Greece. He is bound by oath to protect the Word of his master, no matter what pirates, fate or the gods of Olympus have in store for him. Onboard, he meets two people who will change his life... and the course of history. The first is a Roman General appointed to organise the Olympic Games at which the Emperor Nero will compete. The second is Dido, an enigmatic young woman from Alexandria who is carrying a cargo of secrets. To uncover the truth about her violent past, Johanan must first prove himself worthy of her trust. The Seventh Season is a romantic adventure in the classical tradition that takes readers on a thrilling journey through the ancient world. Translated by Kit Hudson from controversial texts by Emmanuel of Samaria, this historical epic gives an explosive eyewitness account of the biblical struggle between the dangerous new Christian religion and the Roman Empire at the height of its powers.

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Tamra LeValley says

A book worthy man named Johanan escaped with his boss and best friend to be caught up in intrigue and deception. A voyage turns into death and love. His journey will now be to stay alive and help Dido, the woman who is the person he comes to love, help her with her mission to return some scrolls to the library or never see her daughter again.

"The Seventh Season" was an exceptionally well written book. It started off with alot of action. The characters were very well developed and the plot was planned out and flowed and ebbed. Although it was not a book that was full of suspense it was still a must read.

Eva Hudson says

Set against a background of the war between the Jews and the Romans, The Seventh Season is a thrilling adventure story that takes you on a journey through the eastern Roman Empire in the late 1st Century AD.

Andreas (the Apostle Andrew) must escape the harsh Roman rule in Palestine so he can keep the message of Joshua (Jesus) alive. He escapes Caesarea with his translator and scribe Johanan and his handsome, amiable bodyguard Jacob. The three of them embark on an epic sea voyage that is plagued by blood-thirsty pirates, ancient curses and Roman baddies. When their boat finally docks in Greece, they discover (much to their dismay) that the hated Emperor Nero is conducting a tour ahead of his appearance at the games in Olympia. A man who threatens the very safety of Andreas and his followers.

The book somehow manages to be epic and intimate at the same time. It's not only a tale of the battle between the forces of the early church and the Roman Empire, but also a coming of age story for Johanan, who discovers, when put to the test, he might just have what it takes to be a hero.

There's more than a hint of romance as well - Johanan can't help but fall under the spell of the enigmatic Dido, a courier for the Library at Alexandria. I was holding my breath as I raced towards the end of the book to find out if Johanan 'gets the girl'.

Though historical fiction isn't something I usually read, I thoroughly enjoyed The Seventh Season. It brought the ancient world vividly to life for me, and I loved Dido - she's a fantastic heroine who I would love to see in another book. Fans of sword and sandal epics will love this, along with viewers of shows like Atlantis, Xena and Spartacus.

Vikas Datta says

Quite an interesting, captivating read

Wanda Hartzenberg says

Not at all my usual reading fare and for that I am almost tempted to give it one more star. After all, I kept on reading did I not. My problem is to whom I can recommend this too not over whether or not it is worth a recommendation.

Andee says

This was a pretty fun tale! I was intrigued and enjoyed the references and style.

Susana says

Its an easy to read tale of Johanan at the beginning of spreading Christianity and the wrath of Rome. He embarks on a journey and gets wrapped up in another adventure along the way. The way the book is written makes it easy to picture that time. Very well written and enjoyable.

Peter says

I won this book of the goodreads give away and was excited to read it, just the title made me excited. But knowing, knowing really what the book about made my mind wonder with excitement. I'm a big fan of history and I love historical fiction but in this case it would be consider historical non fiction. After going to the website and learning that this book was originally published in 1965 but attempts were made to destroy the book made me wonder, why? Knowing this motivated even more to finish this book and to find out what happens next. It was a great read and pretty educational. I recommend reading this book. I really really enjoyed this.

Herb says

I liked the book, but wasn't buying that it was written in the time that it proclaimed. Also it was very hard to believe that someone that close to Andrew couldn't receive the gospel message. The story got bogged down and seemed to drag on. Historical references were very interesting even though they seemed a bit contrived.

Mary Hosmar says

The story, while interesting and depicting an accurate view of life during Nero's reign, is difficult to believe. I enjoy historical fiction but this was just too much fiction.

Jill Burns says

This book, set in Roman times, kept me reading deep into the night. The story of Johanan and his loyalty to those he loves, his interactions with his friends and enemies, and the Roman milieu are well drawn by the author/translator. As a story involving St. Andrew and his evangelical journeys, it certainly opens new doors of thought. As a look into the brutality of Roman times, several passages were so realistic that they made me wince for Johanan and friends. As a young man's growing up tale, the author did an excellent job making Johanan's moods and actions real and relate able describing a boy changing into a man, both mentally and physically. I love historical fiction and this book was everything I look for in a great read and more.
