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For readers who loved Francine Rivers's Mark of the Lion series comes a survival story about faith, love and the Big Questions of Life.

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A BROKEN LIFE...Sixteen-year-old Marcellus has no time to deal with that indescribable horror of last night. Shoving aside the rubble covering his once-perfect world, he sees his home in ruins, his family scattered and his faith broken by the unpredictable God who destroyed everything. All he can do is survive and try to sort out the questions assaulting him...

- \*What kind of God would allow earthquakes to pummel Antioch to the ground?
- \*Why did his uncle Gaius Justus disappear?
- \*Can he stop their their reckless trek to Constantinople?
- \*Is his sword-skill enough to protect the family through bandit-infested Anatolia?
- \*Should he keep his secret safe, when silence will trap Byziana?
- \*Is his torch bright enough to show the way?

A CURSED RING... His hidden love for bold and daring Byziana is complicated by one minor fact--she is betrothed to sword-wielding Belisarius. Exposing the truth about the wicked man will lay open Marcellus's deepest, darkest secret.

A TRUNK OF SCROLLS... Little does Marcellus know he carries with him on that very journey a map out of their troubles, a guide that makes sense of their problems, and the very heart of God...

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For young adults who want to dive into a Byzantine quest...For families who want an adventure together... For romantics who love to time-travel to "another time and another place"... For questioners who want to know why bad things happen to good people.

## **Trunk of Scrolls: A Family Adventure Details**

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## **From Reader Review Trunk of Scrolls: A Family Adventure for online ebook**

### **Sherri Jones says**

To me there is nothing better than a book about history which is also filled with mystery, adventure romance and the commitment of family. Darlene did a masterful job of weaving not only the history of the Byzantine Empire but more importantly how much faith matters. I finished the book in two days and could not put it down . Trunk of Scrolls has been passed on to friends to read. The book has put me on a quest to learn more about the Byzantine Empire , Pope Leo's Tome and the Council of Chalcedon.

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### **Peggy says**

This book was well written and kept me coming back for more. The plot was exciting and the author was very good at interweaving a love story, an adventure, theological truth and history. I highly recommend it and I can't wait for another book!

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### **Chris Rusanowski says**

I think the biblical history and discussion was the best part of this book. It did make me want to go look up more about the particular time in history and some of the controversies of the time. The story part was less interesting to me. It seemed somewhat predictable and parts of the plot seemed somewhat dark for a "family" adventure. My wife read it also, and did not find it as unsettling, but that might be due to our backgrounds.

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### **Val Marsh says**

Beginning with the excitement of its opening scene of a young man being kidnapped on horseback, through every twist and turn, heartthrob and heartbreak, all the way to its final and satisfying resolution, this book had me gripped. Trunk of Scrolls fell open and I fell in, and throughout the adventure, mystery, drama, action and romance, I found myself lost in the author's world and deeply attached to and caring about her characters. They became my friends; I hated her villains and loved her heroes and heroines...MY heroes and heroines. Their stories thrilled my soul and warmed my heart for many weeks after I finished the book. And though I learned as much political and church history as I would have in any good quality mini-course, I never felt as though I were being taught—rather, the time period, the surroundings, and its people simply became my own. If only learning history in school could be this real and exciting!

The author crafted a brilliant, layered story and took us through it at the perfect cadence, artfully using both flashbacks and lively pacing to unfold her captivating tale. The questions the characters struggled with were profound, and Ms. Bocek skillfully wove their queries throughout the book in a way that was thought-provoking yet quite natural and easy to understand. I grappled alongside her characters as they worked through the Monophysite Controversy, experiencing the conflict in a way that was not only academic but also personal, and I came away from it with a deepened appreciation for why it was such a terribly important

piece of church history.

My children ages 12-19 also read the book, and found it equally exciting. Two of even them re-read the story just to enjoy it all over again. We are a family of bibliophiles, and none of us had expected such an excellent read from such a new author, but we are all thankful Ms. Bocek has found her gifting. We hope she writes a sequel, but whatever she does write, we will be first in line to get it.

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### **Sarah K says**

Great story! Couldn't put the book down. I enjoyed learning more about this time in history, and I gained a new appreciation for the preciousness of the Word of God. This is a good book for teens and for family reading.

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### **Erin says**

The entire time I was reading Darlene Bocek's book *Trunk of Scrolls* I could picture it being such a wonderful family adventure film! I hope that comes to pass! This exciting book of historical fiction takes place in 6th century Turkey, involving a family in upheaval following an earthquake that destroys their beloved Antioch. The power, protection and purposes of God prevail throughout the tale and show an ending provided by a gracious God who did have mercy. Kyrie eleison!

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### **Rose Davis says**

Loved this book

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### **Oguz Alhan says**

It was an amazing book that I recently read as a fiction. As a history student, I really loved to see that ancient world in this book with good story that includes bible, scriptures. I can't wait to see that in Turkish and see people to read it.

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### **Michelle says**

I had the privilege of proofreading *Trunk of Scrolls* for Darlene last summer, and I have to say that it was hard to stay on task! So many times I had to go back and reread several pages, reminding myself that I had a job to do. I was immersed in the story from the start, and it held my attention throughout the book...quite an adventure story! My copy of *Trunk of Scrolls* arrived in the mail today and I can't wait to sit down and read it for enjoyment this time!

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## **Glory Bolek says**

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I loved this book! Unlike anything else I've read so far. The story line is well formed and the characters, both young people and older ones are believable. You find yourself rooting for them and following every step of their journey through out the book. The historical setting is also very informational and eye-opening. It is set a few hundred years AD and begins with an awfully destructive earthquake, which changes the course of events for all concerned. I was sad when the book ended and hope that Darlene will write another, or make it into a series. I highly recommend it for people of all ages, including teenagers. Enjoy!!!! Glory~

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## **Sunshine says**

From my 14 year old son who couldn't put it down..."It was an awesome book and I enjoyed every minute!"

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