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The M'Kethe clan finds itself in pre-Revolutionary War Connecticut weathering a storm of religious and political upheaval. Ian M'Kethe is forced to make a choice against enormous odds in the face of rising conflict between the Colonists and the French with their Indian allies. Ian makes an unlikely friendship with Watookoog, an Indian, and risks everything but gains something he thought he had lost forever.

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Karla M says

I was looking for a few books to help cover the French-Indian wars. It is a good combination with Cooper's "Deerslayer" and "Last of the Mohicans." Much simpler than those two.

Kevin Gold says

I love the story! It is great. The characters seem to be real. This book is magical!

Jill Williamson says

As war nears, Ian M'Kethe is too young to go. His grandfather teaches him to hunt, along with Watookoog, an Indian, who hunts with a bow. Ian takes care of the farm by himself, growing a crop of corn and selling it to provide for his family. Although he really wants a new rifle, he makes a sacrifice and purchases a pair of spectacles for his cousin Roland instead. For the first time in ages, Roland can see clearly.

When the war arrives, Roland enlists. Ian is still too young to go. He continues to work his cornfields and take care of his family. When Roland is taken prisoner at Louisbourg, Ian is consumed with worry. Had Roland been injured? Lost his spectacles? Would the French force him to fight against his own colonials?

Now eighteen, Ian leaves his family and goes to war. But he doesn't get to fight. He finds himself engaged in manual labor, salvaging debris, moving cannons, digging trenches, and building. One day when he is gathering firewood, he is shot at. An Indian attacks him. But before the Indian can finish him off, Frenchmen take him prisoner.

This is an intriguing story of a boy's life during the French & Indian War. There is a lot of history packed in here, including some historical issues of faith. Overall the story was interesting as were the historical facts and Ian's life on the farm. I recommend this book, especially for those looking for a bit of North American history.

Amanda Geaney (Christian Shelf-Esteem) says

My son (6th grade) read all 3 books in this trilogy in 3 1/2 days. This is his review of this title which was originally posted on ChristianShelfEsteem.wordpress.com.

Guns of Thunder, the first book in the Faith and Freedom series, was awesome! Not only does it tell about war, it accurately tells about colonial history and how the weapons were used. It also includes a detailed description of how Christians lived in colonial times. This book is perfect for people my age because of the challenge and adventure included in the story. Halfway through the book, I got accustomed to the accent. Since there are no pictures, it allows people to freely imagine the story as it unfolded.

I like how Ian is generous and thinks about the people he fights and how he puts his family first. I also like how the Indian Watookoog developed from a stranger to a helpful friend and ally. He helps in the most difficult times and teaches Ian how to use weapons. The book is full of action because of the French and Indian war, which took place before the Revolutionary war (and, in a way, starting it because they had to pay for food, powder, and lead for them AND the British). This book is worth the time to read. My rating of this book is 5 out of 5!

Michael Huntsman says

It was good. But it needed the excitement and action more spread out.

Jonathan Clark says

Excellent family reading! Douglas Bond does a great job of continuing the story of the Covenanters who came from Scotland in his Crown and Covenant trilogy.

Rachel says

Picking up about 60 years after the end of the Crown and Covenant series, this book chronicles the further adventures of the M'Kethe family in 1740's Connecticut. Some interesting history, but overall the plot doesn't hold together too well; there were some loose ends and it didn't flow as well as it could have.

Gloria says

In the first book of the Faith & Freedom series (the sequel to the Crown & Covenant series), we're introduced to the great grandson of Duncan M'Kethe: Ian. Colonial America is on the eve of the French and Indian War but between tediously tilling the family plot of land, defending the corn from hungry birds, and attending grammar school, Ian has little time to worry about the pending conflict. But when his best friend, Roland, is captured by the French during the Raid on Canso, Ian enlists in the army and along with his Indian mentor Watokoog, sets off with the colonial army to capture Louisbourg and hopefully free Roland. Read the rest of my review here: <http://gloriakluth.blogspot.com/2017/...>

Josiah says

An excellent work of historical fiction. Light in reading level but with solid worldview and theology, good character development, and a refreshingly realistic character told with skill and energy.
