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# **A Voice In The Wind (Mark Of The Lion)**



## Synopsis

This classic series has already inspired nearly 2 million readers, but both loyal fans and new readers will want this 20th anniversary edition of a Christian classic, which includes a foreword from the publisher, a letter from and Q & A with Francine Rivers, color map, an illustrated glossary, and discussion questions suitable for personal and group use. The first book in the bestselling Mark of the Lion series, *A Voice in the Wind* brings readers back to the first century and introduces them to a character they will never forget—Hadassah. Torn by her love for a handsome aristocrat, this young slave girl clings to her faith in the living God for deliverance from the forces of decadent Rome.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Francine Rivers puts readers right into the history of the moment..." -- Romantic Times "Francine Rivers without a doubt is one of the finest storytellers of our generation. She transports the reader to another time another place with such skill that one feels every emotion, every trauma, every life. Her adventures captured me from the first page until I breathlessly closed the book in absolute awe of her God-given talent. Francine unlocks the longing in each one of us to connect to God in a deeper, life-changing way. No one reading her books will ever be the same again." -- Debbie Macomber, New York Times Best-selling Author "The Mark of the Lion series was my first introduction to Francine Rivers, and since its introduction I've been reading everything Francine writes. Her stories

are not only gripping entertainment, they are life-changing adventures. As we `watch' Hadassah and Atretes struggle through first-century trials, we learn how to handle similar situations in the twenty-first century. The `costumes' may vary, but our Victorious Lord does not change." -- Angela Hunt, Award-Winning Author of *Doesn't She Look Natural*"Francine Rivers writes from her heart to touch the hearts of her readers. Her books are essential reading for all who love Christian Fiction..." -- Bodie Thoene, winner of 8 ECPA Gold Medallion Awards for Christian Fiction"More than a dozen years ago, a bookseller urged me to read the *Mark of the Lion* trilogy. I devoured each novel, drawn into Hadassah's world and challenged by Hadassah's faith. Page by page, I walked the streets of Jerusalem, of Rome, of Ephesus, led by a sure hand. Not only did Francine thoroughly research her setting; she also plumbed the depths of God's Word and the desperate corners of the human heart to create a story so gripping, so spiritually and emotionally satisfying, it could only come from a pen wholly dedicated to God. In a word, Francine redefined Christian fiction--honest, unflinching, powerful, life-changing--demonstrating why storytelling is the most effective way to communicate God's truth. Every Christian novelist writing today owes a debt of gratitude to Francine Rivers for lighting the way." -- Liz Curtis Higgs, author of the best-selling *Lowlands of Scotland* series --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Francine Rivers began her literary career at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and journalism. From 1976 to 1985, she had a successful writing career in the general market, and her books were highly acclaimed by readers and reviewers. Although raised in a religious home, Francine did not truly encounter Christ until later in life, when she was already a wife, a mother of three, and an established romance novelist. Francine and her husband, Rick, live in Northern California and enjoy the time spent with their three grown children and every opportunity to spoil their grandchildren. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I read this book many years ago, and still remember how much I loved it. My husband and I will be on the road a lot this summer, so I decided to read it to him. He was very skeptical about what appeared to be women's Christian literature. I think he is hooked though because he told me to order the next book in the series before our next trip. So, it turns out men like it too!

This was recommended to me as a good historical Christian novel. And just might be just that. But I personally had a hard time with the pagan society at the time. This was the author's first Christian

book she wrote after having written many other secular novels. Too graphic for me.

One of the best historical fiction books ever written. Great detail in the telling of the story. Francine rivers does a great job bringing these fabulous characters to life.

Loved this book! I can't wait to read the next one...some people said the book was slow to develop, but I thought the character development was so good--it felt real. Loved this book!

The book started off with some violent scenes, which kept me from reading further for a while. But once I did, I couldn't put it down! I read the New Testament now with fresh eyes, for this book has brought that time so much to life. Loved reading about the customs of that time, and it felt as if I was walking alongside the characters in this story. Many parts in the book challenged me as I contemplated how I would have acted if in the character's shoes. Cannot just read book 1 of the series, at the end you just want to pick up the 2nd book and keep going. I read whenever I can, so make sure you have time available, because you wouldn't want to do anything else!

I found this book while searching for information about another popular christian author. I decide to download a sample on my kindle, and there it sat for several months. What a waste!! To think that I could have been immersed in one of the best historical christian fiction books of all times! This book grabbed me from page one and didn't let go until I finished, and rushed to order the second book in the series. The accounts and events in the book are based on historical events. History comes alive through the eyes and lives of several major characters. These characters became so real to me that I had to fight hard to put the book down each time I needed to move back into reality! I found myself needing to know what would happen next to sweet, selfless Hadassah, and her Roman masters, the Valerians. Strong personalities came alive as characters are extremely well developed in this story. This first book in the Mark of the Lion series is at times graphic and violent. The reader understands the extreme conditions during this time period. The comparison between ancient Rome and America today is startling. I felt as though time was erased and this story happened in modern society. The Colosseum was brought to life and laid out in all its glory. The passion Rome had for its sadistic form of entertainment is both interesting and repulsive. I felt ashamed that I was so drawn to the facts that surround this major influence on life at that time. Overall excellent book! This is not a story to pass up. I raced through the first and second books and have recently purchased the last book in the series. I am hopeful that it proves to be as amazing as the first two.

Narrator is excellent, she uses voice inflections for all the different characters. These two books Voice in the Wind and Echo in the Darkness show you a picture of how Christ wants to be with others. Love Love Love these two books.

Enjoyed this book so very much. Beautifully written and made me feel like i was there. Looking forward to the next book.

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