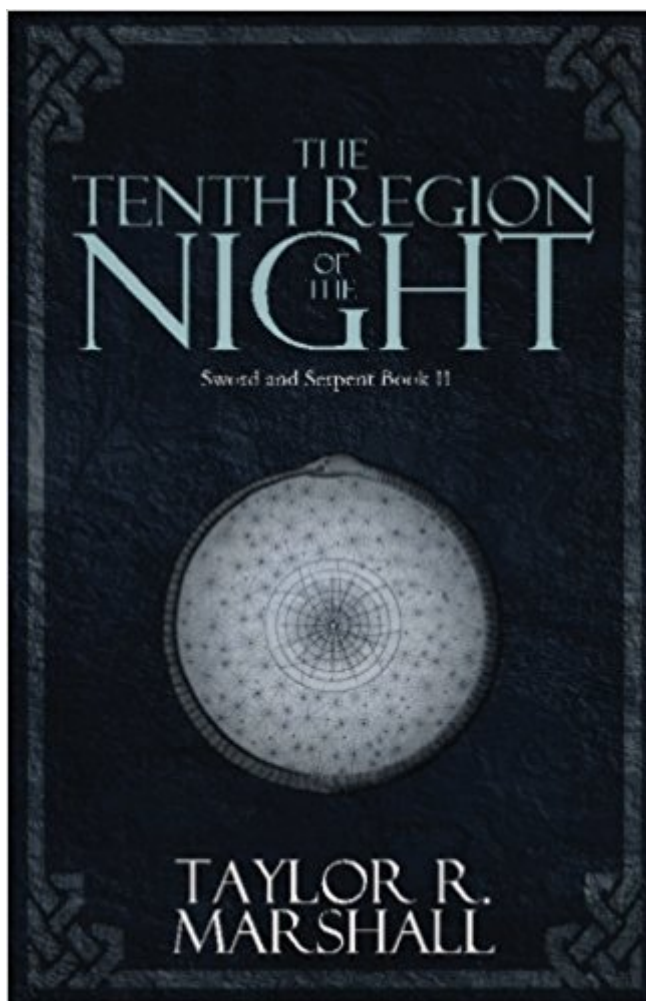


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# The Tenth Region Of The Night: Sword And Serpent Book II



## Synopsis

Not all battles are won by the sword. Jurian's victory against the dark power in Cyrene has earned him renown throughout the Empire, but fame means nothing to him if he can't save the friend he lost. When Jurian's search for Menas leads him to Alexandria, he finds an unlikely ally in the Roman governor's brilliant and precocious daughter, Aikaterina. Together they are swept into the glittering intrigue of Diocletian's court in Nicomedia, where no one and nothing is what it seems. Then Sabra arrives in the city, and Jurian proves to the Emperor that he is more than just a legend, and finally everything he ever hoped for seems within his reach. But Marcus Valerius Casca is also vying for Diocletian's favor, and his hatred for Jurian knows no limits. As Casca's devious plotting snares each of Jurian's friends in turn, Jurian must discover a way to beat his enemy at his own game and rescue Menas before he destroys them all. From the exotic Alexandria to the imperial court of Nicomedia and the bloody sands of the Roman Colosseum, this sweeping second installment of the Sword and Serpent series will pull you into a riveting adventure through a world of deadly intrigue, where nothing is what it seems and the price of freedom can be greater than life itself. Saints aren't born. They are forged.

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## Customer Reviews

This book accomplishes to go beyond the "entertaining" in literature, it's an hagiographic legend in the full sense of the word. The vivid characters, the living world; everything so real and believable, came out of the text directly into my heart and mind. "The Tenth Region of the Night" is a tale deeply Historical, and vibrantly contemporary. Addresses issues so important, but frequently misdirected in

nowadays fiction, such as perseverance, hope, eagerness for truth, fame, failure, friendship and family, regret and forgiveness, maturity, mistakes, commitment, fear, patience, bravery, our own past and future, and our personal relationship with God and the world around us—everything from a realistic, well founded christian perspective. Ultimately, this literature work edificates your thought, and encourages you to be better: Saints are not born, they are forged! And of course, it's all an adventure to be read! Looking forward to Book III! Este libro consigue ir más allá de lo "entretenido" en la literatura, es una leyenda hagiográfica en el pleno sentido de la palabra. Los personajes vivos, el mundo, viviente; Todo tan real y creíble, salió del texto directamente hacia mi corazón y mi mente. "La décima región de la noche" es un cuento profundamente histórico, y vibrantemente contemporáneo. Aborda temas tan importantes, pero frecuentemente mal dirigidos en la ficción de hoy en día, como la perseverancia, la esperanza, el deseo por la verdad, la fama, el fracaso, la amistad y la familia, el arrepentimiento y el perdón, la madurez, los errores, el compromiso, el miedo, la paciencia, la valentía, nuestro pasado y futuro, y nuestra relación personal con Dios y el mundo que nos rodea ... desde una perspectiva cristiana, realista y bien fundamentada. En última instancia, este trabajo literario edifica tu pensamiento y te anima a ser mejor: Los santos no nacen, se forjan! Y por supuesto, es toda una aventura para ser leído! Esperando el Libro III!

Recommended for teens? I guess that makes me a 73-year-old teenager because I just love this historical fiction series with a lot of early Christian figures, now known as Saints! This is the second book in the series so be sure to read "The Sword and the Serpent" first or the story line will be confusing to the reader. That book is also a good read. I fell in love with historical fiction as a teen with "The Silver Chalice" by Thomas Costain and I pray that Dr. Marshall's next book in the series on the adventures of Sts George, Christopher, Nickolas, Helena, and the rest will be available soon!

I enjoyed Sword and Serpent and so was very excited to see its sequel finally available! This book introduces new characters and saints to get to know and has, like the first book, brought the early church alive. The understanding of life under persecution is depicted in this novel as is the faith of Julian and the other characters. Highly recommended and I can't wait for the next in the series!

I loved the first novel of Taylor Marshall, Sword and Serpent, and I loved reading his sequel, The Tenth Region of the Night. It's a great combination of adventures, history, relationships and well-built characters that makes this book stand out above others of its kind. The main story of

Jurian (Georgios) trying to rescue his friend Menas intertwined with other interesting and endearing characters and their own struggles (you can look for some of them between the 14 Holy Helpers) and the whole argument leads you through an exciting journey -both exterior and interior- full of twist and turns. By reading this book is impossible not to think in J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, G. K. Chesterton and particularly Taylor Caldwell. Among other things I believe that they all share this special ability to tell an entertaining and engaging story and, at the same time, to address the most deeper and transcendent issues of life. I encourage you to read *The Tenth Region of the Night*... you won't be disappointed!!!

**Book Review** Dr. Taylor Marshall has delivered a fantastic book!! I just had the pleasure of reading *The Tenth Region of the Night: Sword and Serpent Book II*. This drama brings the life of St. George to a new level. The story gives you a much better idea of the forces in the Roman empire with saints of the 4th Century A.D. I loved the historical events mixed with the fictitious characters. Coming from the perspective of a military wife, it was really interesting to have a small taste of the ranks from the history of the Roman emperor, Diocletian. This story made me reflect on the life of the early Christians and the challenges they faced spreading the Word of Christ. I couldn't help but continue to think of how their challenges parallel with today's struggles to speak out for our Catholic faith. I loved the way Marshall brought in the different saints. As a person involved with youth ministry, it occurred to me to utilize the ideas presented in this book to discuss how to select a patron saint for confirmation. I will be excited for our young adults to have a chance to read this story. A great Christmas Gift.

One complaint ..... the third book in the series has not been published yet! That said, the first two books of this series are a definite recommend. A thoroughly enjoyable read.

Weaving history into an account already well known takes a clever mind, and it is done masterfully here. Roman history at the edge of the fourth century was of the land of the most complicated politics. Most people have a cinematic image of the ancient world, yet this novel brings to the floor the intricacies of the Roman empire so organized and yet so divided has to be at the verge of revolution. The names of many of the saints are written into this account with a realism that is both enjoyable and enlightening. I look forward to another book that unfolds the history of Jurian and is quest. (and I also look forward to a creative demise for Casca, The creep.

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