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ENGAGING NEW SERIES EXPLORES THE CHALLENGES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE THROUGH A REALM OF MONSTERS, WARRIORS, AND INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE



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For immediate release: In a world of heated battles, dreaded monsters, and valiant heroes, truth is the tool needed to overcome evil. J.M. Macleod's *Into the Gloom* (Ambassador International; July 1, 2019; \$17.99) is the second book in the exciting new series, the *Saga of The Singing Sword Brigade*, which transforms the Christian walk into a mythic journey. Macleod's purpose in writing this series is to challenge Christians of all ages to recognize the spiritual warfare swirling in the invisible realm around us and to "enlist" them to do their part. His story compels readers to serve Christ by devoting themselves to studying and memorizing Scripture, preparing them to face adversity from the world, the flesh and the devil. As his characters learn the importance of perseverance and active participation in the king's cause, the reader, too, is inspired to take an active role in the kingdom of Christ.

About the Book

DISOWNED by her family.

EJECTED from a life of privilege to one of abject servitude.

FORCED to participate in a duel with only two results: death for the loser, power for the victor.

After watching her brother, Artka, march off to war against Ecclessa, Jeda is unexpectedly forced from her family home. Sentenced to a life of service, she is sent to the courts of the Emperor. Jeda fears she will be forced to a life of drudgery—or worse.

But when Jeda is scrutinized by the sinister Hod-ya she soon learns that she has been selected for the deadly "Scarath and Avangar" duels in Pitland. Jeda must either submit to Hod-ya's depraved training and learn to draw on dark powers to fight, or resist the pressure to conform and allow herself to be victimized.

Will Logon Xychirion intervene and send a brigade to attempt Jeda's rescue?

Jeda's journey INTO THE GLOOM takes her from the emperor's dungeons through the menacing Ra-Amawl forest where an ancient evil roams, and ultimately toward the foul, depraved land of Pitland. Jeda soon discovers that evil is even more prevalent and powerful than she could have imagined.

How can those who hope in goodness survive, much less overcome, wickedness?

About the Author

John has worked as a stringer photojournalist for The Courier of Littleton, NH, and staff writer/photographer for The Caledonian-Record in St. Johnsbury, VT. He has directed evangelistic Christian coffeehouse ministries, served as deacon and teacher in various denominational churches, pastored house churches, and, with his wife Beverly, been a youth group leader.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Into the Gloom*, please contact publicity director Liz Burgdorf at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. Have you always loved to write?
2. What gave you the idea to write the series?
3. How do you get inspiration for your stories?
4. What or who are some of your literary influences?
5. How do your faith and creativity work together when working on a project like this?
6. Does the series have any personal significance to you, aside from what we've already discussed?
7. What does *Into the Gloom* focus on?
8. What is your latest work-in-progress?
9. What is your most difficult writing challenge?
10. What is one thing most people don't know about you?



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