

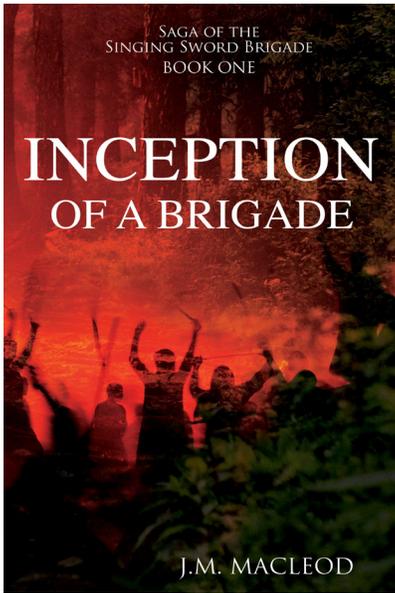


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**For immediate release:** In a world of heated battles, dreaded monsters, and valiant heroes, truth is the tool needed to overcome evil. J.M. Macleod's *Inception of a Brigade* (Ambassador International; June 4, 2019; \$17.99) is the first book in 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

The inception of a spiritual odyssey begins . . .

Artka, once a nobleman's son, is now a Carnalian soldier fighting a war against Ecclessa, which is said to be ruled by a ruthless Magician.

Lost in the forest while escaping tophets, Artka is pierced by an Ecclessite's kingsman sword—but the sword does not immediately harm nor kill. To survive the piercing and heal his heart's wound, Artka seeks Logon who waits at the rock where he was slain, only to learn a new brigade is soon to be created and Artka is to be a kingsman of it.

Invisible enemies lurk around him.  
Hate battles against him.  
Sacrifice is required of him.  
Knowledge awaits him.

Only the runes on his Ecclessite sword can lead him to safety . . . if he can survive the journey.

### About the Author

John M. MacLeod 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's directed evangelistic Christian coffeehouse ministries, served as deacon and teacher in Baptist, Presbyterian and Non-Denominational churches, taught adult home Bible studies, pastored a house church, and, with his wife Beverly, has been a youth group leader.

Now retired, John and his wife of 47 years live near Nashville TN, enjoying their four children and fifteen grandchildren.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Inception of a Brigade*, please contact publicity director Liz Burgdorf at [media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto: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 *Inception of a Brigade*?
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 *Inception of a Brigade* have any personal significance to you, aside from what we've already discussed?
7. What is the *Inception of a Brigade* story about?
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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Early in their marriage, the couple was persuaded to join an offshoot of Wm. Branham's controversial *Latter Rain* movement calling itself The Move, and they became indoctrinated into the cultic teaching.

Through the faithful prayers of family and friends, they were delivered from the Move and its erroneous teachings. John then devoted himself to studying and memorizing large portions of Scripture to discern truth from error for himself. The *Saga of the Singing Sword Brigade* series in some ways depicts the experience of being deceived and then led to the truth.

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