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The daughter of Paulus and Alysia is grown now, and ready for a life of her own. But Rachel is unable to rise above her past, and something that happened in Rome ten years ago. Metellus, former tribune in the Praetorian Guard, has been commissioned by the emperor, Claudius, to bring Rachel from Jerusalem to Rome. It is a journey that will affect both their lives . . . in ways they could never have imagined.

## **Child of the King Details**

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## From Reader Review Child of the King for online ebook

### Andrea Stoeckel says

If you aren't comfortable with evangelical prostletyizing, this is not a book for you.

This is a wonderful book. It's great historical fiction, it's wonderful Christian fiction, and, it's a darn good romance! Very reminiscent of Anne Rice's two volumes of Christian fiction, it's a stand alone story that is very interesting about first century Christians in Rome and Palestine. Diaz us a good writer, looking forward to reading more of her writing.

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### Kim says

This is the kind of book that you know after reading the first page that it is going to be the kind of book that you sit up half of the night reading because you can't put it down. A very well written story and I truly loved reading about Rachel's life. It is a great story of love, patience and faith. I did not know when I started reading this book that it was part of a series! I am thrilled to know that there are two other books for me to read by this author about this family.

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### Lynn says

This was in interesting Christian romance. It was tender and romantic. It took place in the very early church, just years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Not necessarily historically accurate, but that's not why you'd be reading this book.

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### Linda says

I recommend this book to all readers. The author's writing mechanics were very good, hence the four stars. As to content, the hype and the actual content of the book may have been a little at odds. The love story between the two main characters kept the book going, but the tremendous power of faith in God the father, the son and the holy spirit was the essential storyline. The Jews were the first to believe in a monotheistic god. From them we know the importance of a blood sacrifice. The author stayed within those realms of necessity before moving into other Christian beliefs.

Thank you, Ms. Diaz, for a good read.

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### D Peterson says

Meh. These kind of details ruined it for me:

"I will write a letter to James, in case you are delayed in your journey." This was spoken to a trained Roman soldier, with travel papers, orders from the Emperor, on.a.horse. How did the author envision a letter arriving

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for James first?

Nevermind the fact that this is a member of the Praetorian Guard who is nobly exiting his service at a young age without incident-- to do what? Why to build a lovely villa on the island of Cyprus and raise horses, of course.

Also, there seemed to be an inordinate number of blonde people.

Also, the millennial girl that drove the story was flat and annoying.

I hate to do this to a good, clean, Christian story. But, there were both strong spiritual truths and hard historical facts that made up the backbone of this story, and they were muddied with 21st century western culture-- and that just seemed lazy to me.

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### **Teresa Buchmann says**

Wonderful biblical fiction. I enjoyed the story woven into the days of Paul and James.

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### **Jeannette Garcia says**

I thought this book had a good plot. It took me a while to read this because I was traveling and had a bit of jet lag. I thought that this book had a strong beginning, however, it became a little weak toward the middle and end. It kind of seemed rushed toward the end and as I was reading, it felt like the author was fighting to meet a deadline. Despite it feeling rushed, I liked the story and Metellus's character.

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### **Carla says**

Excellant!

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### **Heather says**

Very well written and quite good. Didn't exactly mesh with my Christian beliefs but didn't offend either.

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### **Umievette says**

I just wrote a long review and accidentally deleted it.....so I will say that I really enjoyed the book it was a great, clean entertaining read. Love the compassion and patience that was shown to win new converts. I also loved how the writer showed that God used miracles to win those whose hearts had been hardened towards him.

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### **Betty says**

Other than a good amount of "Left Behind" style evangelism, the story was well-written and enjoyable. The characters had depth and their actions fit well with their mind-sets. New Testament period is not an area I am that familiar with, but it seemed to be at least mostly historically accurate. Personally, I am not fond of religious urgency.

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### **Dana says**

I loved that this book is based so much in scripture. As far as I could see it was always appropriately used in correct context. It was a feel good bible based historical romance. Learning to wait patiently on the Lord is difficult, and sometimes a very long process of sitting still, but always so well worth the wait.

Rachel was a small child when her Christian parents were murdered in Rome for their belief in Christ. She is raised by her guardians Lazarus/Judith, and Simon/Daphne. Living the majority of the time in Bethany, Rachel has grown into a woman. A woman who has lost much of her faith and clings to the memory of her deceased parents. She is summoned by the emperor of Rome who has become aware of a letter penned by Rachel's father while he was in prison. The emperor has ensconced the presently retired tribune Metallus to escort and protect Rachel to Rome where she has to make an appearance in person to the Vestal Virgins who hold the letter for safe keeping. Along the journey she falls in love with Metallus who is an unbeliever among other dangers along the way. She has to find the will of God in a lifelong decision of marriage, will she be patient in awaiting him in His time or will she follow her own heart?

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### **Tom Park says**

I found this work to be more enjoyable than anticipated after reading the first few pages. It picked up pace and sailed smoothly along tossing in a few names familiar to Bible students and some students of ancient Rome. Certainly would entertain thoughts of reading more works by the author.

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### **Tracy Darby says**

I have read some historical fiction in the past, but never any biblical fiction - I was hoping they were similar in style and I was not disappointed. This book kept me engaged from the beginning through the end. In most books, you assume you know how the book will end once you meet the hero and her man - I never was quite sure while reading this one if that would happen or not. I really enjoy reading books where some of the names, places, and stories are known in history and seeing how the author can incorporate known history of the period into the story line without 'changing' the history and I believe that this was done quite well. I look forward to reading more in the series!

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## **Amy says**

A wonderful conclusion to the series. Well written and realistic, vivid imagery and settings. (First read Nov 10-12 2013)

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