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Two families—the Wakefields of nobility and the lower-class Morgans—are the focus of this sweeping generational saga, joined by intriguing personalities such as Elizabeth I, William Tyndale, and John Bunyan. Linking the people and events through the ages is the struggle of men and women who sought God as the answer to their difficulties. #7: "A Gathering of Eagles" Despite his conversion to Christ, Cathan must courageously prove his newfound faith to those he betrayed—Shayna and Sir Honor Wakefield.

A Gathering of Eagles Details

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Sasha (whispersofthesilentwind) says

2.5 stars

"Being saved is one thing, but being aware of Jesus as a person, well, that's something else again."

This was by far my least favorite book in this series. I just can't stand Shayna! Trevor is bland as a board while Cathan is all that you would expect of a rogue. This book's perspective shifted the series from more historical figures to romance. Cathan & Shayna's relationship continuing was not a surprise to me. The plot twists and turns were also not a surprise to me. It is pretty genius how he used the family line to connect the Morgans to the Wakefields though.

I thought that the holding of the Wakefield title could only pass to male heirs? I mean I assume that Honor and Shayna are rich apart from that but how rich? Because the book made it seem that Cathan was coming after Shayna for the money and the title.

Katy Vendetti says

The final book in the series. Gilbert Morris has taken us from Henry the 8th to Napoleon in seven books that traveled from Wales to America to London, Spain, and France. The rise and fall of politics and religious sects throughout England. The series, for me, was a solid three stars overall, including this final book. Like the book before it, this story strays from the religious and political intrigues, leaning heavily towards a more soap opera romance. He pokes fun at himself in this book. One of the major characters is obsessed with romance novels, and through her own adventures finds that reality is much more interesting and important. The writing was, again, not really for me. It's heavy on the descriptions of clothing and food. The plot took a while to pick up but it flowed really well towards the end. Everything was tied up nicely, and the ending was good.

Of course, no profanity, just like the other books. There was some kissing but now real sexual content. There was more violence in this book than others in the series. A majority of the book takes place on ships, and there is a good bit of naval warfare.

I would probably recommend this series to someone who really likes historical fiction and heavy descriptions in their stories. Overall, it's not an amazing series, and I had some problems with a few of the books. But it's not a bad series, and I did learn some things about the religious and political revolutions in England which were interesting.

Emily says

I thought this book was a good way to end the series. He got back to his characters and did a good job of helping the reader get to know them and care about what happened to them, similar to the first few books in this series. I have to say it was pretty funny that one of the principle characters in this book sees the danger of reading too many "romance" books and that's pretty much what this book is! I was satisfied with the way it ended, and I enjoyed the series for the most part.

Brenda says

"A Gathering of Eagles" is a very powerful, inspiring, and romantic book. This story takes place in England during the 1600s.

Shayna Wakefield is the daughter of Sir Honor Wakefield. Since Shayna was very beautiful and her family was very wealthy and noble, many men had their eyes on her. However, her family was secretly planning on having Trevor Wakefield, Shayna's cousin, become her husband. One night, Shayna had a ball at her home, where she invited multiple young men. Without a doubt, Trevor was there. However, Shayna paid little attention to him that night. She noticed Cathan Morgan, a brave young man who had been in the army. She talked and danced with Cathan, and by the end of the night, they'd even kissed. Trevor and Shayna's family weren't pleased at all. Trevor was a very studious surgeon and a godly man. Cathan, however, was a mischevious soldier. Shayna's family tried to convince her that Cathan wasn't good enough for her, but Shayna refused to listen. Finally, her father forced her to end the relationship with Cathan. Shayna told Cathan the news outside, in the middle of the night, and he eagerly suggested that they run away together. At that moment when Shayna was hesitantly trying to make her decision, a man walked out of the house and saw them together. Not wanting their secret to get out, Cathan attacked the man, who later died. Cathan was put in prison, and Shayna gave up on him and tried to force herself to love Trevor. Cathan was miserable in prison and became deathly ill. He managed to make a friend though. His friend was a Christian and cared for Cathan when he became sick, and he didnt die, as expected. His friend converted Cathan to Christianity, and Cathan learned to be satisfied with his prison life. A few months later, Cathan and his friend were chosen to work on a navy ship that was going to war against France. Sir Honor Wakefield was the captain of the ship, and Shayna and Trevor were on board as well. Trevor was the doctor on the ship and Shayna asked to go along to be with Trevor. Sir Honor Wakefield treated Cathan unjustly many times because of his bad past. Cathan managed to find a time when Shayna was alone and he gave a very geniune apology for the way he treated her in the past, and she accepted his apology a few days later. One day, the ship was battling a French ship. They lost, and the ship sunk in a few minutes. The only survivors who reached land were Cathan, his friend from prison, Shayna, Trevor, and Sir Honor Wakefield. However, they were in France, and they realized they needed to hide immediately. Thankfully, they found a home that very kindly took them in. Trevor was badly injured, so he had to rest for a few days while everyone else tried to plan their escape. Months passed, and Trevor didn't get better. He realized that his foot would have to be cut off, or else he might die. Cathan learned how to do the simple surgery, and performed in on Trevor successfully. After Trevor recovered, they escaped on a small rowboat and managed to get out of France successfully. They found another English navy ship and were able to return home. Trevor and Shayna realized that they weren't meant to be together, but still remained friends. Shayna realized that she truly loved Cathan, and the two got married.

I really loved this book! It was so interesting, had unexpected sharp turns, and had suspense. I felt my heart pounding in the suspenseful parts, and got angry when Cathan was treated unjustly on the navy ship. Gilbert Morris is a very talented author. I got through this book in a few days.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves historical fiction. There are a few battle scenes, and the whole culture of the book is very historical. It's also a Christian fiction book, where you see how radically someone's life can change. Finally, it has lots of romance!

Lorraine says

SUMMARY: It's 1800, and war is raging between France, under Napoleon's leadership and England. Capt Honor Wakefield knows that England's only hope of winning the war is the British navy - to keep Napoleon

off English soil. But life at Wakefield Manor seems untouched by strife -- until Shayna's seventeenth birthday. Who would guess that one simple kiss could touch off sparks that not only transformed two lives but sent four people on a perilous journey through French-infested waters to emotional and spiritual freedom?

REVIEW: This concluding book in the 7 book Wakefield series is as wonderful a read as all the previous books. Rich with historical detail yet filled with a riveting plot line and complex characters, it made me sad to see this series come to an end. This book was not predictable and the twists and turns definitely makes it a "page-turner." The additional suspense and romance just added to the depth of this book. I loved the characters of Shayna, Trevor, and Cathan--so vastly different, but each needing to find their way to a joy filled relationship with God. Definitely a great series that fans of historical romance fiction would highly enjoy.

FAVORITE QUOTES:

"Don't be moanin' over old sins. God's forgiven them. Christ has nailed them to the cross. Go on from here."

"I think it is this continuing insistence upon individuality that hinders the spiritual life in us more than anything else."

"It's in our hands how close we come to God....practicing God's presence must become a regular and disciplined way of life until we can keep ourselves in the presence of the Lord no matter what happens."

"Being saved is one thing, but being aware of Jesus as a person, well, that's something else again."

"I think it pleases God the most when we pray when it's difficult and we have no sense of anyone hearing. That's the proof that we are rightly related to Jesus--when we do our best whether we feel inspired or not."
