

Content Guide

Charlotte's Honor

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Themes: Loving our neighbor as ourselves, seeking inner strength to endure difficult times, trusting in God's plan for our lives.

Educational Value: Readers learn about the Great War from varying perspectives. The incident where the enemy takes over the chateau is based on a true event during the war.

Positive Messages: Unconditional love; the dignity of the human person at all stages of life, especially at the end of life. Seeing Jesus in every human being.

Spiritual Messages: Matthew 25:44 "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?" He will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."

Positive Role Models: Our protagonists Charlotte and Paul are both people who are persistent and loving to others.

Violence/Gore: This is a story about the Great War, so there is a scene where the tent next to Charlotte's tent is bombed and she suffers a head injury. When she goes outside, she can see body parts in the tree nearby. There is a scene where Paul steps away from the medical aid station near the front and the medical station and two of his comrades are blown up.

Sexuality: The two main characters share a kiss during the main invasion of the stationery hospital. One female volunteer makes sexual advances toward Paul, which he rejects. A drunk man makes sexual advances towards Charlotte, and she flees. After their wedding, Charlotte and Paul share a kiss. In the end, Charlotte is shown breastfeeding their baby.

Language: The word "damn" was used once by Paul referring to the war.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: Morphine is given to the critical soldiers left with Charlotte and Paul during the siege of the stationery hospital/chateau to keep them quiet when the chateau is invaded. Soldiers are shown smoking cigarettes in the common room of the stationery hospital. One man is shown to be reeking of alcohol.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW There is a frightening scene where the two main characters are hiding when the enemy invades their stationery hospital.

Rating Scale: ADVANCED

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.