

Content Guide
Royal & Ancient
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Themes: Finding common ground through a shared Catholic faith, putting other's people's lives before our own, seeking inner strength to make it through difficult times, yielding to God's plan in our lives.

Educational Value: Readers will learn about life for Catholics in 1670 Scotland, when members of the Church were persecuted for practicing their faith. They will also learn about the power of prayer, and the value of love, humor, and forgiveness in relationships.

Positive Messages: We're stronger and more resilient than we think we are, average people can do extraordinary things when they must, relationships take work but the work is worth it.

Spiritual Messages: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, faith will help a person get through most anything, prayer is powerful, we must put our trust in God and in our faith.

Positive Role Models: Our protagonists Bronwyn and Iain, who work on building a relationship in the midst of the brutality of Catholic persecution in the 17th century, and Iain's parents Gregor and Isobel, who are wonderful role models as a married couple and parents who put faith first, family second, and the business of running their clan third.

Violence/Gore: Part of this story depicts the aftermath of a massacre, however nothing is shown in gory detail. There is also a childbirth scene, but it isn't graphic.

Sexuality: There is no sexuality in the book. Bronwyn and Iain are committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Language: No strong language.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: No references to the abuse of those substances.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW: This book is loosely based on a true story from Scottish history when Catholics were forbidden to practice their faith. It shows the resilience of the Scottish Catholics and how a sweet love can bloom in the midst of tragedy.

Rating Scale: MODERATE

Light – For all readers

Moderate – Story includes subject matter for teens 13+

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