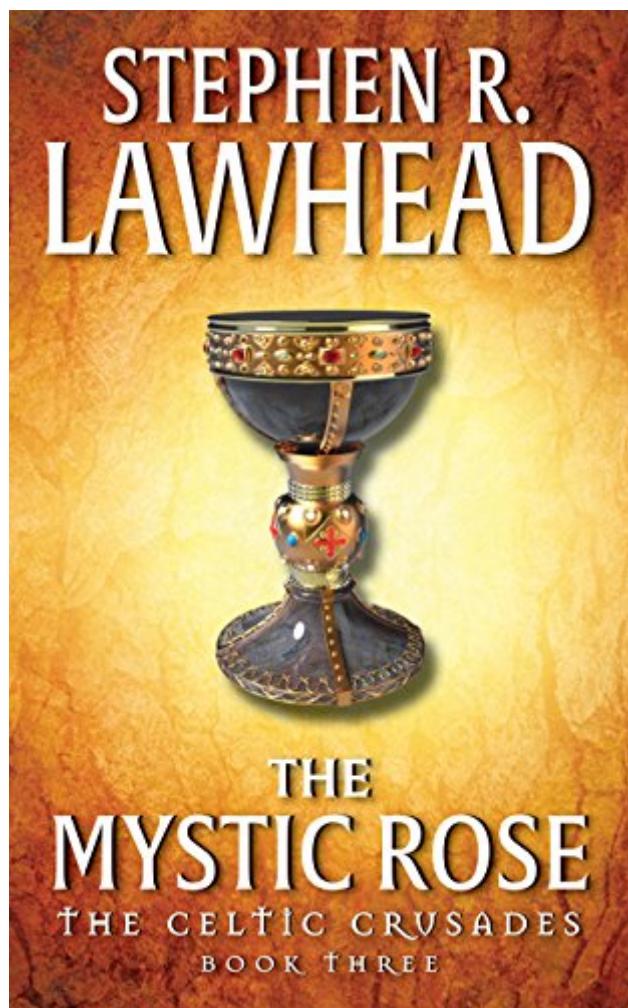


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Absolutely anything by Stephen Lawhead is sure to amaze and inspire. I can't separate this book from any of the others but will say hand's down, he has been saving my life during a very difficult time currently in my life whereby reading is about all I can manage and I am soooo grateful I've found his books. His deep connection and understanding of Spirit threads throughout his books in a form that is not anything like stuff we all hate about Christianity, but all the stuff we want to get closer to. The Loving Light, the Great Good Presence. The Swift Sure Hand. Ancient Celtic Christianity before Rome got it's grubby hands on it. Bringing me closer to trust and faith in a time when I truly need it. I cannot speak highly enough about ALL of his books, so hence, my review is FRIGGIN' ABSOLUTAMUNDO for all of them!!!! Put another way, if you like Tolkien, you'll like Lawhead.

Love the story, characters. Encourages me as a Christian that there is always a faithful remnant. God will always work His Will and Way!

Great story with very good character development. Fast paced with many twists and turns.

Love Historical Fiction and this is well written and very historically correct. It's a bit gory and so were the Crusades but I got enough of it early in the first book. It amazes me that people blame Christians for the crusades. They are so far from what Christ died for and I guess anyone can go behind a sign and say it is in a name but the Crusaders were Not Christians as they walked about slaughtering people and the so called priests were a farce who did not love people but only themselves and their power. Very interesting.

Amazing series on the crusades era and the dangerous world we lived in then and a story of adventure and faith by a master story teller with real facts and imagery from a world beyond belief in todays journeys. A masterpiece of research and writing.

It pains me, as a Christian, to say this, but everything Stephen R. Lawhead has written under a secular press (Harper) is phenomenal -- but when he writes for a Christian publisher, his books are dumbed down, to the shame of the Church. Fortunately, this, the third of the Celtic Crusade trilogy,

isn't from a Christian publisher -- and it's phenomenal. Read this. Read all of his stuff.

I enjoyed the book. Completed the trilogy.

Lawhead just did not write a great female character for his 3 book. It is a good character, but I have a feeling it was rushed. This series could have finished very strong, but it really went out with a wimper. Still I liked it for how well the Meta plot (that links book 1 2 and 3 together) ended. Still no regrets on reading it. 3 stars for the book itself, 4 stars for it as the end to the series. (rounded up from 3.5)

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