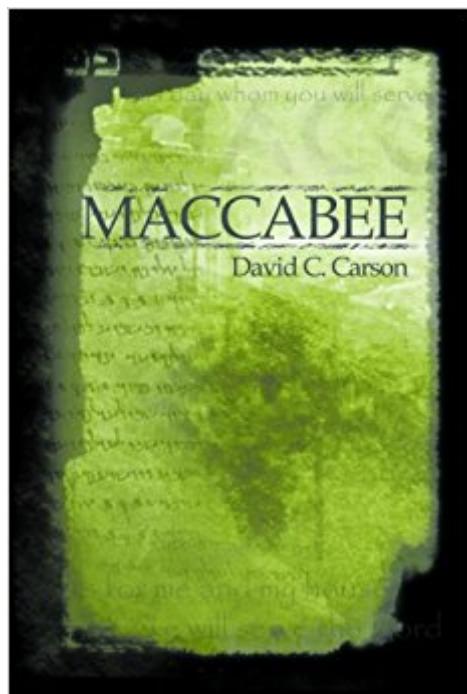


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# Maccabee



## **Synopsis**

Long before the world ever heard of Adolph Hitler, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Hezbollah, or Hamas, a Syrian king calling himself Antiochus Epiphanes called for the destruction of the Jewish nation. Against impossible odds, one elderly priest and his five sons stood up to the king. One of those sons became known as the Maccabee. It was the passion, faith, and military genius of the Maccabee that culminated in what is presently celebrated by Jews the world over as Hanukkah. This is the story of that man and the events that made him one of the great heroes of freedom-loving people everywhere.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I give this book a 4 -- I am only half way through reading..I ask what age group this book is for as it is easy reading which I do not mind, BUT... on page 129 the brawny Jewish blacksmith has killed a soldier and says "Nobody messes with my apprentice". That was off-putting for me. Up until then I had enjoyed reading the book. With those words, a movie audience would get excited and yell but for my taste I could not relate to the words as being said way back when as it sounded like an

Indiana Jones movie. Later... I have now finished reading the book and found it entertaining and I enjoyed the military planning that the 'hammer' used. I had originally given the book a 3.5 but have upped the rating to a good solid 4. I am pleased that I did not find other 'silly sentences'.

I liked this historical novel what is accurate in historical events and some fictional personages makes the book a very interesting reading.

Other than reading with my child, I had not read a book in a long time (years). I am so glad I picked this one; it's a real page turner! I had a hard time putting it down. The author knows how to weave a story that is gripping, exciting, and historical at the same time. Plus, it was a glimpse into the lives of people that I had previously known nothing about. The historical detail given by the author helped me visualize and understand the time period of the characters in the story. Be warned that it is graphic. There are a lot of battles, blood and gore, all in detail. But there is also tenderness, friendship, loyalty. So many good points that made this such an awesome book to read. (Not suited for children.)

I had no idea of the "Hellenization" forced onto the Jewish people and all conquered territories during the Roman reign in history. This book not only tells an extremely vivid story of people living during that time, but also brings to light historical truths and ways of life for both Rome/Syrians and also the Jewish people. Very enlightening and highly recommended reading for adults and teens as well!

Excellent book that brings the reader into the story of an important time in history. This method tends to make the time stand out as one feels they lived it. Also, an important point is made in that a leader is required for people, which ever direction they choose to take.

Worth your time to read. Fantastic book, a lesson in history unlike a history lesson I would I d recommend this to anyone.

Great! Wonderful read, how we are all going to have to make a stand for good or evil. Maccabee's made that decision and it cost them dearly.

Our family read this out loud during Chanukka. Great read this will be our read out loud for

Chanukka every year

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