

A Kingdom's Cost

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Synopsis

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Eighteen-year-old James Douglas can only watch, helpless, as the Scottish freedom fighter William Wallace is hanged, drawn, and quartered. Even under the heel of a brutal English conqueror, James' blood-drenched homeland may still have one hope for freedom, the rightful king of the Scots, Robert the Bruce. James swears fealty to the man he believes can lead the fight against English tyranny. </p> <p>The Bruce is soon a fugitive, king in name and nothing more. Scotland is occupied, the Scottish resistance crushed. The woman James loves is captured and imprisoned. Yet James believes their cause is not lost. With driving determination, he blazes a path in blood and violence, in cunning and ruthlessness as he wages a guerrilla war to restore Scotland's freedom. James knows he risks sharing Wallace's fate, but what he truly fears is that he has become as merciless as the conqueror he fights.</p>

Reader's comments

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A Kingdom's Cost by J.R. Tomlin is a captivating historical novel that transports readers to the tumultuous period of the First War of Scottish Independence. Tomlin masterfully weaves a tale of loyalty, sacrifice, and struggle through the eyes of James Douglas, a young nobleman fighting for his country's freedom. The novel's strength lies in its rich historical detail and well-researched backdrop, which immerses readers in the gritty realities of medieval warfare and politics. Tomlin's characters are vividly drawn, with James Douglas emerging as a complex and relatable protagonist, grappling with his sense of duty and personal convictions. The pacing is brisk, with action-packed battle scenes and strategic maneuvers that keep readers on the edge of their seats. However, the novel also takes time to explore the emotional and psychological toll of war, adding depth and nuance to the narrative. While some readers may find the heavy focus on military strategy a bit daunting, those with an appreciation for historical fiction will find A Kingdom's Cost a rewarding and enlightening read. It's a gripping tale of courage and resilience that will leave readers eagerly anticipating the next installment in the series.

â€”â€” Emily Thornton (2026-05-30 16:41:48)