

Press Kit | Song of the Overcomer

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Book Overview

The Song of the Overcomer is a Christian allegorical novel set among the familiar birds of a British farmhouse garden.

At the heart of the story is Robin, a young bird learning what it means to live with genuine faith, discernment, courage, and faithfulness. Through the lives and relationships of the garden birds, the novel explores spiritual truths surrounding the Christian life, including the pursuit of holiness, intimacy with God, perseverance, deception, and the call to overcome.

Inspired by the natural appearance and behavior of British garden birds, the characters bring these themes to life through a story that blends humor, tenderness, conflict, and biblical symbolism.

The novel uses a dual-timeline structure, moving between different seasons in Robin's life as readers gradually discover the experiences shaping his faith and character.

Publication Details

Title: *The Song of the Overcomer*

Author: B.C. Penn

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Genre: Christian fiction / Christian allegory

Setting: A British farmhouse garden and the surrounding countryside

Language: English, with characters speaking British English

Cover Art: "Song of the Overcomer" by Ian Moir

Interior Illustrations: Wendy Castano

Key Themes and Interview Topics

Christian Allegory and the Power of Story

How allegory can communicate spiritual truth through character, imagery, symbolism, and story rather than through direct theological instruction.

What It Means to Be an Overcomer

The novel explores overcoming not simply as outward victory, but as faithfulness in the inward battles of the heart.

Discernment and Spiritual Deception

A central concern of the story is the need for believers to recognize truth, test what they hear, and remain grounded in Scripture.

Faithfulness During Difficult Seasons

The changing seasons of the garden provide a natural backdrop for themes of perseverance, spiritual growth, loss, courage, and hope.

The Pursuit of Holiness and Intimacy With God

The book invites readers to consider what it means to seek God personally, submit to Him, and pursue a faith that transforms the inner life.

Why Birds?

The personalities, habits, appearances, and behaviors of British garden birds helped inspire the characters and their symbolic roles within the story.

Writing a Story Anchored in Scripture

The Song of the Overcomer is presented as an allegorical work of fiction rather than a theological analysis. Scripture references connected with each chapter are included in the book for readers who wish to explore the biblical themes further.

A Story Told Through the Seasons

The book's dual timeline alternates between the autumn and winter of Robin's life and the earlier spring and summer, allowing readers to encounter both a younger Robin and the more mature bird he is becoming.

Suggested Interview Questions

1. What first inspired you to write *The Song of the Overcomer*?
2. Why did you choose Christian allegory as the form for this story?
3. What does the word "overcomer" mean within the context of the book?
4. Why did you choose a robin as the central character?
5. How did your interest in garden birds influence the personalities and symbolism of the characters?
6. What drew you to a British farmhouse garden as the setting?
7. How do the changing seasons contribute to the spiritual themes of the story?
8. Discernment is an important theme in the novel. Why did you want to explore it through fiction?
9. How did you approach connecting the story with Scripture without turning the novel into a theological textbook?
10. Why did you choose to tell Robin's story through a dual timeline?
11. What do you hope readers will consider about faithfulness, courage, and spiritual growth after reading the book?
12. The story includes many different birds with distinct personalities. How did you decide what each bird would represent?
13. What was the writing process like over the five years in which the story developed?
14. What do you hope readers who are already familiar with Christian teaching experience differently through allegory?
15. Is there a particular invitation or encouragement you hope readers carry with them after finishing *The Song of the Overcomer*?

Reviews and Endorsements

Advance Reviews

This is a thoughtful, richly allegorical novel that challenges and inspires its readers... Highly recommended for those who appreciate allegorical fiction with spiritual depth and a strong message of hope... Penn's writing is deeply rooted in biblical truth, with scriptural references woven seamlessly into the narrative.

Readers' Choice Book Awards

This book is beautifully creative, emotionally powerful, and filled with meaningful spiritual application. The illustrations complement the story wonderfully, allowing readers to pause and connect more deeply with the characters and their experiences... The ending is especially powerful and rewarding. It brings Robin's suffering, perseverance, faithfulness, and final victory to a deeply moving conclusion.

The Song of the Overcomer is more than a story about birds. It is an urgent and inspiring call to the church to reject deception, remain close to Jesus Christ, walk in repentance, love the truth, and endure faithfully through every season.

Pastor Tom Donovan
Freedom Chapel Fellowship
Founder, Him First Media Group & Lordsbook

The Song of the Overcomer offers a striking prophetic picture of the challenges facing the church today. With humour, tenderness and courage, we are invited to examine the voices we follow and the faith we live. This is a story that calls us to deeper intimacy with Jesus, discernment rooted in Scripture, and the courage to overcome evil with love. Read it with the birds singing outside your window, I suspect you'll listen a little differently afterwards.

James Bailey
Vicar, Christ Church Fulham

A beautiful and timely book, The Song of the Overcomer is a gift to us all. Like Hinds' Feet on High Places, this moving allegory encourages us to persevere, trust God and become overcomers in challenging times. A book to treasure and share.

Jemimah Wright
Author and Commissioning Editor, Premier Woman Alive

In beautifully crafted language – complemented by exquisite illustrations – ‘The Song of the Overcomer’ brings to vivid and dazzling life the world of birds, who in this book share our human strengths, frailties, and spiritual natures. This book is both beautifully written and deeply felt. It brought tears to my eyes more than once but also made me laugh out loud a few times. A powerful and unique story which deserves to be read, reminding and warning us of our highest calling in Christ.

Fleur Montanaro

Co-ordinator of the International Prize for Arabic Fiction

Film Producer

Riveting story-telling, a compelling narrative, and an utterly brilliant allegory. This is a must read for those navigating the complexities of faith, truth and love in the 21st century.

Michelle White MB ChB PhD DCH FRCA

Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Ships

Imagery is the language of the heart which nudges us towards fresh insights. This wonderfully inspiring allegory brings the gospel to life in new and imaginative ways.

Dr Lin Button

Founder, Healing Prayer School

All Saints Woodford Wells senior staff team

Unusual and imaginative Christian allegory, packed with scriptural references - I particularly liked the section in Chapter 19 when Wagtail quotes Psalm 27 as he faces mortal danger. I also want to highlight the fine bird illustrations by Wendy Castano.

Mark Winter

Author, ‘Look at the Birds of the Air’

Leader, Even Sparrows Christian birdwatching group

A very interesting book which takes the reader on an adventure, combining the beauty and creation of the British bird world and the walk of a Christian’s personal growth ... A book to encourage us in our walk with God and to help us guard our hearts from the enemy’s traps.

Sue Taylor

Healing House Network

Restoring the Foundations Ministry

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