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# **Voices Of The Stars (Volume 1)**



## Synopsis

“Voices of the Stars” is a sweeping, heroic saga - presented in an Arthurian setting in a very historically accurate Post-Roman land of the Britons. It is a fantasy, action/adventure, metaphysical, psychological, myth and magic, tragic romance, medieval warfare, historical fiction novel. “Voices of the Stars” is the true, in-depth, eye-witness chronicle of the world of the King, Arthur, and his compatriots of his Alliance of the 5 distinct cultures living on “These Our Fair Isles”: the original Old Dark Tribes, the Celtic Clans, the Roman-styled Britons, the Picti and the original, “Ecolegal” Saxons, whose land was obtained through barter with Vortigern. It is also the real story of Arthur and Morgan’s tragic, Star-crossed love for one another, the devoted loyalty of their brother of the heart, Bedwyr, the strength of their mother, Igraine, Great Seer of the Old Dark Tribes, the treachery of their other sister Morganna le Faye, and the never before told story of the only child of Arthur’s blood, Mordred. Woven into the rich Dark Age tapestry of this magnificently complex, emotionally charged novel are the first in its series “Voices of the Old Ways, The Old Gods, the Great Goddess and the Goddesses Nine, Magic, Seers, Enchantresses, Druids, Dragons, Ancient Rituals, medieval warfare, and the Leonardo DaVinci of his day - Gwyddion, the Merlin. It is filled with intrigue, passion, treachery, love, and with Epic Poetry throughout. It follows this evocative tale through five generations and is an intricately involved work with many legendary, historical and original characters. These now revealed histories debunk the cliché flights of fancy that have attached themselves to Arthurian legend in the intervening centuries - both in Renaissance and modern tellings, going back to post Roman days of the Cymru, the pre-Welsh clans. “Voices of the Stars” is the story of how Arthur’s sister, Morgan of the Woods, realizing the import of her time, bids all of her brother Arthur’s close allies, kith, and kin to write their “histories” - their autobiographies as their lives unfold. All events such as battles are seen and written from the differing perspective of each contributor. We come to know the truth of “Voices” characters - their joys, tragedies, hopes, dreams, ambitions, accomplishments, failures, desires, fears, loves, and hatreds are written into their stories. Tricks of the Fates abound throughout their lives as each comes to accept their shadow selves, weaknesses, flaws, hidden desires, strengths and goodness. These histories are to be secreted away for the sake of posterity. Why? To put it into Morgan’s words: “What lies within these vellum pages is an history... which I, Morgan, have compiled to preserve the truth of these matters - because, it is a fact that legends of the simple folk, as well as songs and poems of the Bards, gallop into fancy like Warhorses to the

smell of blood. What begins as a simple pattern, weaves, entwines and spreads like the gossamer threads of Arachne — ultimately and forever changing the meaning of events as they truly were. Within its pages the Cosmic Mysteries are revealed and taught through an original and complete spiritual Mystery System of the Great Aixia and the “Goddesses Nine” — replete with ancient Gods, Myths, Seasonal Rites, Moon Rituals, chants and secret initiations of The Order on The Isle of Apples.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Born into the magical world of stage lights, sceneries, orchestras and Chorus lines, Rowena spent her childhood on the road with her theatrical parents. As a very young woman, Rowena descended upon New York City with the intent of joining one of that city's opera companies, but despite her love of opera, her writing steered her in other directions. She was immediately discovered by several music business people who offered her songwriting and recording contracts, so she began writing songs for other people and recording her own albums. Even though her major label recording debut met with much acclaim, she, like so many other artists, had her hopes dashed, and became entangled in a years long lawsuit. During this crisis, her mother suggested she open a childcare center and she remains the maven and proprietor run from her beautiful Victorian cottage in Nashville. Yet, through all the years, the Voices of the Stars spoke to her and inspired the exquisitely written novel, "Voices of the Stars." She is currently engrossed in the creation of the

second book in the series. Rowena lives with her beloved husband of seventeen years - Joe Funderburk, in the greater Nashville area. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am currently in a "rut" of reading both history and hist/fiction on post roman and sub roman Britain. So far I have found two authors that I feel have really hit it right in their H-F works on this period and tell the Arthur legend at the same time. You are one and Bernard Cornwell's **THE WARLORD CHRONICLES** is the other. I feel they are complimentary to one another. Of course you tell your tales a bit diff, but have familiar elements and places (your Isle of Apples is Cornwell's Holy Tor later a christian shrine with the thorn bush and all. Now if there were a computer program where his work and your book could be uploaded to, sorted out for duplicities and contradictions and then blended into one continuous story--what a great book that would be!!!! **WRITE ANOTHER BOOK PLEASE!!**

What an excellent novel! The King Arthur lore retold in a way that draws in the reader into the story. Arthur is not even the main character the story mainly featuring Morgan as she collects all of the perspectives of the many leading characters of this lore. The battles are described in a way where you can even smell and taste the action. The love scenes would give this an "R" rating when it is made into a movie! This is a **MUST READ** for anyone who likes the Mideval action books. I give it a 5 Star rating and a thumbs up! Rowena Whaling hits the mark with this book

First of all I must say that this is the **BEST BOOK ON KING ARTHUR** that I have ever read and I've read every single book about this time period that I can find. It is absolutely enchanting. I found myself reading it so fast because I enjoyed it too much, and then it was over! Oh woe is me! How can I ever make the wait for the next book? Let me tell you, this book is everything you want regarding the Arthur legend and more. Ms. Whaling has done excellent research. She has woven together so much true history and places that it is amazing. I must say that I was quite pleasantly surprised to find out Arthur's heritage. I won't say more about this you'll have to read the book to find out all I can say is that you will be amazed. I loved the way that she wrote all the characters especially Merlin and Morgan. As for Arthur's evil sister, Morganna, I found myself actually enjoying her wickedness. She does such horrible things and you think, how much farther is she gonna go to get what she wants? Well dear readers, you'll just have to read it to find out. Just let me say that she outdid her evil self! This book is a **MUST READ** for anybody interested in the legends of King Arthur. This has got to be the closest to the truth that is out there! The only bad thing I can say is that it's

just too good to read slowly and relish! You will find yourself turning page after page, excited to see what comes next. I am putting this book at the top of my FAVORITE BOOKS list. I can't wait for the next book in the series. Please Ms. Whaling, get to work! Your readers are waiting!!!!

This amazingly written novel is sure to become a classic in your collection. Rowena Whaling has captured the romance of fiction and blended it with the legends of olde to form a combined tale from all views. It was so enjoyable that my first copy was "borrowed " by my grandson capturing readers young and old , my second copy was "borrowed" by my sister and this my THIRD COPY is now on my Kindle so I can enjoy evening reading at my finger tips. I can not wait for her next book!

Such a wonderful telling of a story most of us know, but with twists and turns Galore. I love how this was told and how it reads and Rowena is amazing ,she brought such life to the stories and the format of being able to almost feel like you're sitting at an ancient ones knee listening to the story... truly spectacular!

This is a magical book. It is a wonderful retelling of the Arthurian legend. The book is full of great poetry. Rowena Whaling is stunning in her heartfelt writing. She is thoughtful in her character building, you will Love and Feel for all her characters weather they be evil or good. This book kept me up many nights. I just could not read it fast enough. I cant wait for the following books in the series.

I have tried to come up with just the right words to use to describe this book. I cannot do it justice. It is in the top 5 of my all time favorites, and that is out of the thousands of books I have read in my lifetime. Her writing is exquisite, the characters are so well fleshed out that you cannot help but become attached to them or hate them depending. She has fleshed out the story around King Arthur and all the people he was surrounded by, but it is nothing like anything about that time period than you have read before. Just take my word for it and read it, I promise you will love it too. It is like a perfect bit of dark chocolate that you savor, nibble by nibble. I was very sad when I was finished reading it.

Voices of the Stars is a beautiful rendition of the Arthurian legend! Wonderful wordsmithing by a new author, Rowena Whaling. The story telling is historically accurate, and yet fantastically spun as Morgan of the Wood, Arthur's sister, narrates the tale of the Old Ways, and the characters of the

age as they each relate their versions of the events in Arthur's growth and reign as King of the Clans. This is a tome to enjoy again and again. I am sure that each reading will reveal more details of this story and add to the enjoyment of the read. Give yourself a treat, and settle in with a teapot of your favorite tea for an enchanting telling of the Arthurian legend.

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