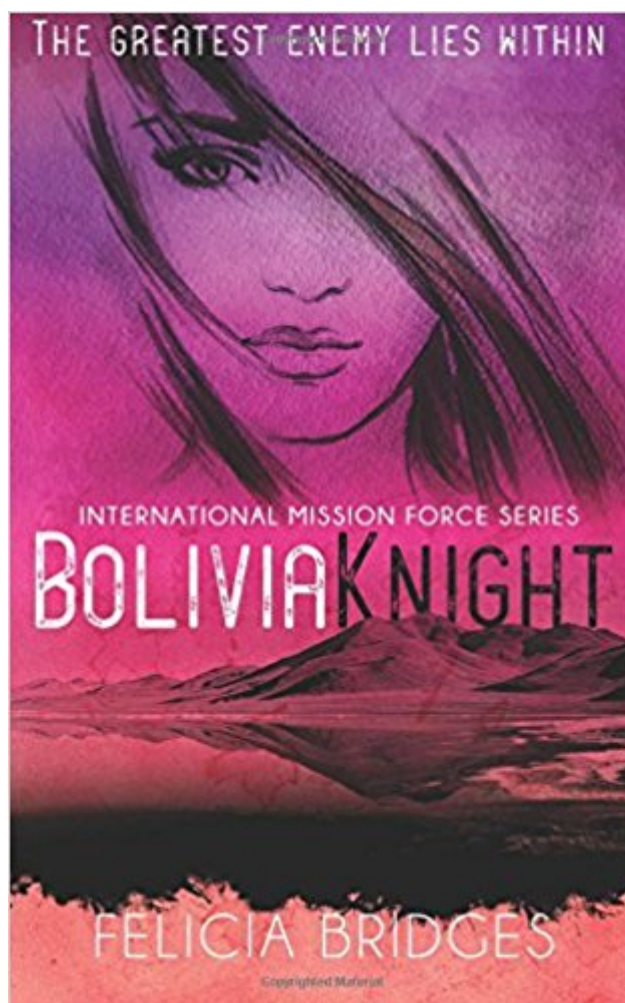


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BoliviaKnight (International Mission Force) (Volume 2)



Synopsis

Peter, the oldest of seven children born to missionaries in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, resents the idea of leaving the only home he's known to go to college in the States. His parents insist he needs to leave the shelter of the familiar in order to discover a real and vibrant faith of his own. When he stumbles on evidence of a murder and reports it to the police, he launches his family and his best friend, Kasey, into a world of drug smuggling and human trafficking which threatens the lives of everyone he loves. Peter's temper lands eighteen-year-old Kasey in the hospital where they meet Esperanza, a sixteen-year-old victim of Hector, the same villain who threatens Peter and his family. The stakes are higher than ever. Esperanza is desperate to escape not only the vicious traffickers but her own dependence on the drugs they used to control her. Peter confronts his own darkest emotions and the consequences of his choices. He must decide between defeating the cartel through powers darker than Hector himself or trusting God to provide victory through the love of Christ.

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Customer Reviews

I finally finished reading Bolivia Knight last night! I started it and then lost it behind my bed. I read most of the book in one day. Once you get into the story you don't want to put it down! I would highly recommend my friend's books...and more to come from her! She's truly blessed with a God given talent to create a story and draw you in and its action packed and you can visualize the story happening like a movie.

Human trafficking, the trade of humans for forced labor, sexual slavery and commercial sexual exploitation (child prostitution and/or pornography). Initially, I'd found the story to be a little slow, but once I reached the halfway point and the family was helping two characters escape the clutches of Hector and his empire, it picked up quickly. The story stirred question: What would you do if it was your sibling that was taken and forced into this modern-day slavery? If it wasn't a relative, would you still help? Would you be able to sit by and let it happen to other kids? Other books and movies, like *Taken*, touched on the surface of how the girls are taken and how they are kept. Their spirits broken, their bodies hooked on drugs, it's impossible for them to break away and escape. *BoliviaKnight* does a great job of showing Ranza's struggles, not wanting to be a slave, but desperately craving the drug to numb the pain. Is she truly unworthy of the love of the family trying to save her, the family that emulates God's love and grace? Despite mistakes along the way, through both families, Ranza and her brother are shown life outside of their situation and freedom beyond the physical. Yes, the book has a Christian theme. Yes, the families speak to Ranza about God's love. No, the book isn't preachy and any reader, Christian or otherwise, can appreciate the subject matter. What I find even more interesting is that this is the second book in the International Mission Force, yet it reads as a standalone. Despite not having read the first book, I really didn't feel I'd missed anything. I'm curious about *Czechmate*, book one of the series. Note: I received a complimentary copy for review, though this did in no way affect my review.

You're sure to lose sleep if you start *BoliviaKnight* late at night. I couldn't put it down! Felicia Bridges has penned much more than the typical YA novel. Each scene explodes with conflict as 17-year-old missionary kid, Peter Parkinson, makes a suspense-filled transition from fearful to brave, angry to compassionate, and victim to hero. Bridges is equally brave as she addresses the heavy topics of drug addiction and sex trafficking on the mission field of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Teens and adults alike will be entertained and moved by Peter's exciting story. Vonda Skelton, author *Seeing Through the Lies: Unmasking the Myths Women Believe* Founder of Christian Communicators Conference

I was fortunate enough to be an early reader of this wonderful book. In exchange, I provide an honest review. In short, I highly recommend it for young adult readers (and actually, the young at heart, too!). Author Felicia Bridges seems to know the minds of young people, the craft of suspenseful writing, and the joys and perils of mission work in foreign countries. And, she uses that understanding to deliver a plot in *BoliviaKnight* that is taut, thrilling, and relentless. As protagonist Peter Parkinson and his family race through the streets and countryside of Bolivia, the prose mirror

that pace, zooming the reader through the book to an inspirational and satisfying end.

I loved this second book in the International Mission Force series by Felicia Bridges! She has once again tackled serious subjects in a story woven through with the truth of God's love. Bolivia Knight takes the reader to heights of joy and the depths of despair all the while entertaining and teaching without being preachy. The surprise ending will leave you filled with hope for the future. Bridges is definitely an author to keep on your radar as I anticipate she has many more stories to come.

This book hooked me, and my daughter loved it. My daughter is 13 and read the whole novel in one day. It is exciting and informative. The first book in the series, Czechmate is also excellent. I like how she weaves history, current events, and real human nature into her stories.

Action-packed. Conflicted characters. International setting. Complex issues. Young Adult literature at its finest. With an hope-filled ending for readers.

Emotional and tense, Bolivia Knight is an exciting read with unforgettable characters and a packet plot. Infinityread.com

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