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Thomas Keith of the 78th Highlanders has been thrown in battle against the Turks.

He is far away from Scotland in the harsh desert.

Defeated and lying wounded and imprisoned in a village headman's house, he is just one of a handful of survivors. And he awaits his fate with dread.

Little does he know that Ahmed Ahga, a feared and powerful Ottoman general wants Thomas for his private guard.

With little choice in the matter, Thomas agrees, without realising that it is the start of an extraordinary series of adventures that will lead him to new friends, a new way of life and eventually see him rise to become Emir of the holy Islamic city of Medina.

Based on a true story, Rosemary Sutcliff's magical and enthralling historical novel brings to life all the mystery savagery and the beauty of the Arab world.

'The tone is dark and thoughtful, the detail carefully observed, and the flavour unmistakably exotic.' - The Lady

'Packed with feeling and historical fact' - Books

Rosemary Sutcliff CBE (14 December 1920 – 23 July 1992) was a British novelist best known for children's books, especially historical fiction and retellings of myths and legends. For her contribution as a children's writer Sutcliff was a runner-up for the Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 1974. Although she was primarily a children's author, some of her novels were specifically written for adults. Her other adult works include 'Flowers for Adonis' and 'The Rider of the White Horse'.

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