

LONGINUS



A NOVEL

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LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor

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He is referred to twice in the Bible's New Testament, and not by name. He is mentioned, by name, once in the lost book of the Bible, "The Gospel of Nicodemus", formerly called "Acts of Pontius Pilate". But who was the Roman Centurion that stabbed Jesus while the condemned one hung from the cross? And what became of him and his legendary spear?

The novel *LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor* tells the story of Gaius Cassius Longinus, the battle-hardened Centurion of Rome who is assigned to guard the crucified Jesus. But while watching Jesus, Longinus stabs him in the ribs with his spear, ensuring Jesus' death. It's a simple act, but one that changes his life forever. After that fateful day, Longinus flees Rome, narrowly escaping the Roman priests who want to take the spear and its supposed power for themselves.

LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor follows the Centurion's life from his love for the prostitute Irena to his mystical studies with the Druids of Gaul. But it also reveals Longinus' profound spiritual awakening through his Druidic studies and the spear that speaks to him with the voice of Jesus.

LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor is written in the first person from the Centurion's point of view, and carries the reader on Longinus' harrowing journey after the crucifixion of Christ. Purple Haze Press author Steven Maines weaves an extremely compelling and engaging narrative, and reveals what life and inner awakening may have been like for the Centurion during the tumultuous time of Jesus.

LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor is the first in a trilogy.

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