

Content Guide
Treachery and Truth
By Katy Huth Jones

Themes: Faith, courage, spiritual battle.

Educational Value: Historical fiction based on the life of Saint Wenceslas, set in a little-known time and place (10th century Bohemia, now known as the Czech Republic). A map, glossary, and discussion questions are included in the book.

Positive Messages: Young Christians can make a lasting impact on others by living with faith and courage in difficult circumstances.

Spiritual Messages: God's light shines through the faithful, even in the darkest of times.

Positive Role Models: Saint Wenceslas (Václav), the narrator Poidevin, and Zito are positive role models, especially for boys.

Violence/Gore: There is violence mentioned, but nothing graphic, and there is a martyrdom at the end, but again, not graphic (set in the Dark Ages).

Sexuality: None.

Language: None.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: The nobles drink at their feasts, but only mentioned in passing.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Suitable for ages 10 and up. Especially sensitive young readers may want to discuss with parents the tenth century practices of slavery, human sacrifice, war, and assassination. The narrator Poidevin is twelve at the beginning of the story, and Saint Wenceslas (Václav) is fourteen.

Rating Scale: MODERATE

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.