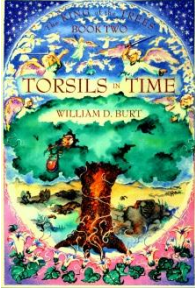


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## BOOK II, *Torsils in Time*

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**Book II in the "King of the Trees" fantasy series.**

WINEPRESS PUBLISHING: JUNE, 2001. (Softcover; 288 pages. Illustrated by Terri L. Lahr and Rebecca J. Burt.) Includes glossary and pronunciation guide at the back for easier reading and for reading aloud.

In this sequel to *The King of the Trees*, King Rolin and Queen Marlis are enjoying a carefree autumn picnic when they are trapped between worlds. Too late they learn the connections among a silver starglass, a handful of black pearls and five ravens. Cut off from friends, family and each other by a mysterious malady, they learn to survive in a savage land where unwary travelers fall prey to strange and terrifying creatures. To save Lucambra and many other worlds from a devouring darkness, they must join forces with some unlikely allies. Only in losing all they have ever known and loved do they discover the faithfulness of Gaelathane.

Ideal for ages eight and older, *Torsils in Time* is an inspirational fantasy tale filled with adventure, riddles and mystery.

“From ‘here-and-where’ to ‘there and then’...”

This is the definition of the terms “wherren” and “therren”, and

best describes the scope of William D. Burt's novel, *Torsils In Time*. The concept of torsil trees was introduced in Burt's first novel, *The King of Trees*; in the second novel of the series, he expands that concept in scope and depth by adding the twist of time travel. The characters that were introduced in *The King of Trees* find themselves in dire circumstances rather suddenly in *Torsils in Time*. However, what they learn as they linger in an in-between state of being is the deep truth of God's Word, "Behold, I am turning all things hurtful in your lives to the good, weaving the dark threads among the light into a living fabric of grace and glory."

Rolin and Marlis experience a very trying adventure in this novel. Over and over again they must choose to trust the King of the Trees in the midst of very uncertain and dangerous circumstances. They meet a very isolated family during their adventures and are allowed to share sacrificially with them and bring them to a point of truth. The results? Well, you'll have to read the story to find out! Believe me, you won't be disappointed!!

This is my second experience of reading a novel from Burt's series, and it is a very exciting, very applicable teaching tool for young adults. I firmly believe that many young people will be ministered to very powerfully through this series! I've enjoyed my time "wherren" and "therren"!!