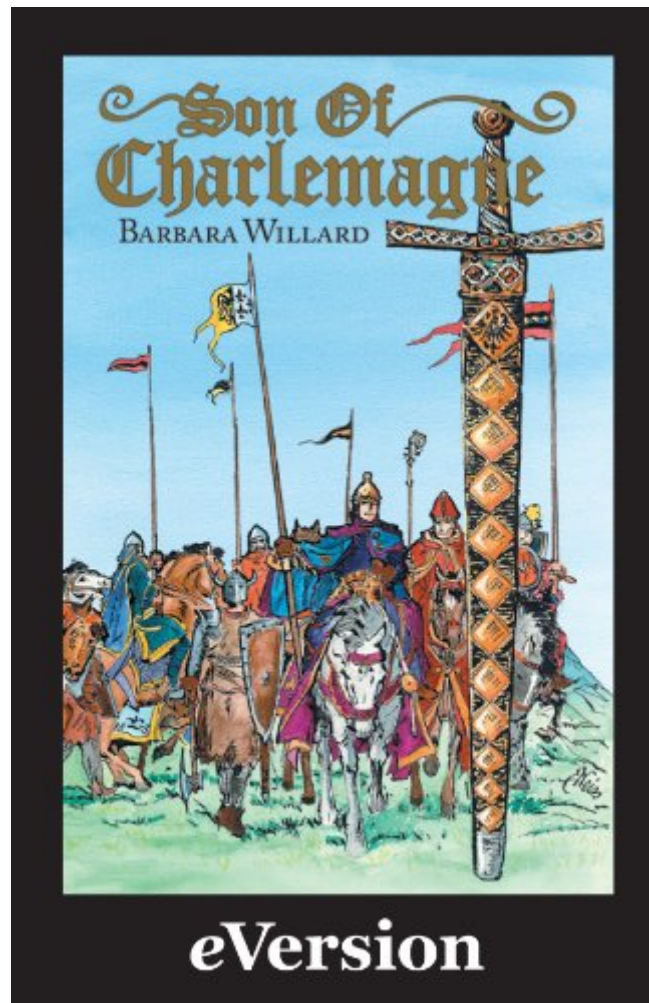




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Synopsis

The year is A.D. 781. King Charles of the Franks is crossing the Alps with his family and court on a journey to meet with Pope Hadrian. One frosty night he speaks to his young son Carl: When we come to Rome you will know that I am naming you my heir. One day you will rule over all my lands. . . . But the King already had an heir, Pepin the Hunchback, mockingly called Gobbo. Was he to be dispossessed? Yet Carl sees that Charlemagne is determined to do what he feels is best to serve God and Europe.

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Customer Reviews

Told from the point of view of Charlemagne's son, Carl, Son of Charlemagne tells of King Charles of the Franks reign through being crowned Holy Roman Emperor. The story is engaging and drew me in. I recommend this book to kids learning about the Middle Ages.

Wow! I think this was my favorite book we read for history this year. I bought this to go along with our Medieval Times history. This book held our interest from first page 'til the last. It really made us look at what it might have been for a child to grow up as the son of a king. It made me cry a couple of times. Ms. Willard manages to make you feel the pain that Carl must have felt losing his mother; and the agony of watching his father take drastic steps - lives lost. It introduced famous people in a way that made them come alive.

Too bad 13 YO can't do reviews because this book is perfect for kids in the 5 & 6 grade. My first Charlemagne biography was by Harold Lamb, another excellent source of easy reading history of famous people. This book is a great way to introduce a young person to an important phase of post Roman history. It's not perfect and if you are a well read student of this era it's not going to expand your knowledge. However in an era when history writing for young people isn't getting their interest this book might just might help. Sadly Lamb's Charlemagne is hard to find because it was great for my growing interest in history of that era.

This was informative and a great read aloud for the kids, but it wasn't terribly exciting like the cover might indicate. Overall a good read to teach the kids the kind of man Charlemagne may have been.

I loved the historical knowledge gained by reading this book. The fictional antidotes really twisted it into a tale tolerable to the senses of a child entering into young adulthood.

Great read-aloud. It really made the story of Charlemagne come alive.

Lots of good imagery! Loved the pictures that came to mind with her descriptive writing.

This book kept my 12 yr old son's attention and presented a really good historical lesson. Written from the perspective of King Charles' son, it was well written and captivating.

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