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**To Fight What Others Can't You Must See What Others Don't**

After an accident left him temporarily blind, Drew Carter didn't just regain his sight. He now sees what others can't imagine—an entire spiritual realm of mighty beings at war.

Forget the gift, Drew just wants his life back. Part of that involves Sydney Carlyle, a woman he is inexplicably drawn to. When he's offered the chance to become a CIA agent, it seems the way to redeem his past. The only problem—his visions of the supernatural realm are increasing in frequency.

It's up to the warrior angel Validus and his hand-picked team of heavenly agents to protect the unbelieving Drew. Validus now knows that the young man is at the epicenter of a global spiritual war, and the angels must use a millennia of battle experience keep Drew alive, for the Fallen want him dead.

Surrounded by spiritual warriors and targeted by demons, Drew's faced with an impossible decision that will forever alter the destiny of America...and his own soul.

## **Light of the Last Details**

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## From Reader Review Light of the Last for online ebook

### Hailey Rose says

This book definitely held more of the speculative/futuristic side, but it was still awesome. And Sydney---I LOVE HER!!!! She's amazing. Drew is too, of course. :) I loved seeing what happened with their relationship. Jake is such a cool character as well, and how he supported Drew in everything he did was so neat. I will definitely be recommending this series!

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### Yo Leo Ficción Cristiana says

#### RESEÑA COMPLETA EN ESPAÑOL

**These books are my most wanted to be translated into Spanish**, and not just because I loved this story from beginning until the end, but because I believe that this series would be perfect for varied tastes because it has action, suspense, romance, supernatural elements, and also it's a young adult book.

Unlike many other books, this series focuses on someone who isn't a believer so it's more than interesting to see how he tries to understand his abilities and how he deals with all that information.

I loved the romance. Syndey Carlyle is the opposite of Drew, but has an unwavering faith, so she complements Drew and in many cases, she understands better what happens to him.

The second book focuses on the invaders and there is almost little appearance of Drew and his friends, but the adventures they have in history, are so compelling that always leave you in suspense. However, in the final book, the protagonists of two realities intersect and adventures are unstoppable.

Wars of the realm is a captivating series that hooks you from the first page and you cannot stop thinking about it even when you've finished reading. Chuck Black has written a wonderful series that shows the spiritual reality and inspires you to believe more in God and believe that prayer is a powerful tool.

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### Phillip Cole says

It has come down to what Validus understands to be the final event. He, along with Tren and the other angels, must protect Drew Carter. They are going to face an all out war in order to keep Carter safe long enough to hear and accept the gospel. Will they be able to do it. Chuck Black tell the story in Light of the Last.

Validus and his team have to fight overwhelming forces in the spiritual realm, while Carter has to do the same in the physical realm. None of them give up, even when the pain is severe. There are many great

lessons about spiritual life in Light of the Last. Loving others and wanting what is best for them, prayer, doing what is right even when it costs you, and the fact that there is a spiritual war going on around us are all addressed in this story.

To complement the great message, Black has written another great story. There is plenty of action, and it easily grabs and holds your attention. Though the main part of the plot involves spiritual warfare, you can also find different genres woven into the story: political thriller, suspense, even some romance if that is what you like to see in stories. None of these overwhelm the message of trusting God and believing in Christ for salvation. They do serve to make the story more real.

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### **RaecheL says**

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Oh wow! How do I even begin to review this amazing book?! I loved it. So much so. Truly fantastic. I am a HUGE fan of Chuck Black and have been eagerly awaiting this third (and I believe, final?) book in The Wars of the Realm series – it's finally here!! And SO worth the wait. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole thing, and the plot was so extensive and amazingly crafted. That is some serious God-given talent Mr. Black has! Okay yeah, can I say what an extensive plot-line this book has, and the series as a whole? I was so impressed. Just about every story-thread was brought to completion and wrapped up so nicely. There was ONE story line I so badly want to continue though....I won't say which for fear of spoiling it for you readers. But yes, another book series for two specific characters would be pretty...epic.

I really liked how it entwined both character-point-of-views of Drew Carter, and Validus. Both were engaging and equally exciting and enthralling.

And I just love how it's about Spiritual Warfare. So amazing, and such a great, necessary reminder. Wow. The technology shown in this book was incredible too. :) Amazing all the way around.

This book was just SO big! And I don't mean in size. It just blows me away.

Usually I am fairly adept at writing helpful reviews, but when it comes to Chuck Black's books....I love them too much to form a coherent sentence! I just want to shout at everyone "Read these books!!!!" :) I appreciate how Mr. Black states in the beginning that "this is speculative fiction and it's not intended to confuse or diminish the truth of God's holy and inspired Word." He does an excellent job depicting what the Bible does tell us and how he interprets what the Bible is silent on.

The one and only thing I had a different thought on was that sometimes the angels seemed more 'angry' than fierce as the Bible says they are, and that it sometimes portrayed that there aren't enough angels to do spiritual battle for us, and I believe that God does provide enough. However, this wasn't negative, nor did it affect my love for these books. Just a personal thought. And of course, as Chuck Black says himself: only God knows the whole story!! :)

The characters were so great, and I loved returning to them. Sydney is an amazing young woman and I hope I can be as much of a prayer warrior as she is (even though she's fiction! :D).

So yes, absolutely amazing and I loved it soooo very much!!! I cannot wait to read this whole series over again.

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## **Leah Good says**

You're going to spend the first half of this book desperately wanting to tell Drew (the main character) that he's not crazy, and the second half trying to read fast enough to keep up with the cascade of action.

I'm not even sure how to classify this book. Superhero? Spiritual warfare? Political thriller? It's all three!

It's been years since a lab accident resulted in Drew Carter's visions of alien invaders--his term for the angels and demons he can now see. Now he's draw the attention of the American government. Always a patriot at heart, Drew is excited to serve in the CIA despite the underhanded way he's drafted into service. His problem is, he doesn't know who he can trust. When a psychiatric exam tells him his visions are conjured by his subconscious, he doesn't even trust himself. Drew is isolated from his family and the girl he loves, and he's coming undone.

Meanwhile the force of angels tasked with protecting Drew is locked in the battle of the ages. Apollyon is loosing the forces of darkness in a desperate attempt to prevent the salvation of one man. Validus and his team must hold nothing back. The fate of the world is in the balance.

This is another one of those books that I could go on and on about because I love the main character so much. Besides, what Christian marvel fan wouldn't get excited about a superhero-esque story with a spiritual warfare twist? However, I'm not going babble because you should read it for yourself. Go back to book one, push through the first 50 pages (which I found boring), and enjoy the journey.

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## **Hayden says**

I first started reading these books because, even though they're not my normal reading material, I did enjoy Chuck Black's fantasy series. I also thought my brothers might like this series as well.

This book is definitely one you'll want to read in order in the series, and it introduced several new characters. Actually, though it has been some time since I read the previous books, I think this book might be my favorite in the series. I admit that I was a little disappointed in that (view spoiler)

While I'm not sure I agree with all of the interpretations of spiritual warfare and Biblical application, I do appreciate Black's handling of it, in both in his author's note at the beginning and the pages in the back full of Bible verses to supplement the story.

So, while it's not particularly *my* type of book, it is exciting and action-packed and does an admirable job of combining a political thriller with a spiritual message.

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## **Jill says**

In this third book in Chuck Black's "Wars of the Realm" series, Drew finds himself in custody related to a campus shooting where he was present. FBI agents believe he was part of the planning and the possibility of 40 years in prison is rather sobering. He certainly can't admit that he's seeing invisible invaders ever since a science lab experiment went very wrong. His friend Ben is still in hiding following the disaster and Drew is doing his best to thwart the evil only he seems to be able to see.

A mysterious "Mr. Ross" comes to Drew's rescue by offering him his freedom in exchange for cutting all ties with family and friends and working with the government on highly secretive operations. All the survival skills he learned from his stepfather make him one of the most qualified recruits and soon he's working on the most dangerous missions. But he's not always sure who he can trust and who is really calling the shots. And he still isn't sure who the invaders are that only he can see.

In between missions, Drew is keeping an eye on Sydney Carlyle. Could the key to understanding the invaders be connected to the faith that she so strongly adheres to? As invading forces conspire to thwart Drew at every turn, will he live long enough to find the answers? And can he keep safe the ones he loves and the country he serves?

The book won't make much sense if you have not read at least the first book in the series. Book 2 fleshes out more details but doesn't propel the story line all that much (mainly offering an alternate perspective of the events in Book 1). For those who like political thrillers with a spiritual element, Light of the Last will deliver an unforgettable experience.

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## **Rayleigh says**

I received this book from the author/publisher for the purpose of this review. All comments and opinions are entirely my own.

In this third installment of the Wars of the Realm series, Light of the Last has the perfect amounts of suspense and believable characters to keep it's plot engaging and thrilling, causing many to call it the best book of the series.

The intense battles of the supernatural realm (angels and demons) keep the book from having a lot of physical bloodshed, however the graphic battles are still very intense because demons fight with much deadlier weapons and with much deadlier consequences. In addition to this suspense, the plot line also deals with large amounts of terrorism, diseases, and plots against America that are incredibly believable.

There is not any cussing (that I caught) and the romance was very mild, only containing a few kisses (not considerably detailed). The scenes featuring demons do tend to be very dark and may cause unwanted fear in younger readers, but this book is extremely eye-opening to the reality of the supernatural realm all around us, and for that it is very well done.

Overall, this book (along with the entirety of the series) is a wonderful read and I give it a full 5 out of 5

stars; recommending it to an audience of 16+.

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### **Olivia says**

Full review here: <http://oliviasinkspots.blogspot.com/2013/07/review-of-the-angel-keepers-trilogy.html>

I really enjoyed this. I've loved the whole trilogy, and this last one was quite satisfying, even if it didn't end like I expected. The action and the danger blossomed into ways I hadn't expected, but it was fascinating to watch. There wasn't as many POV scenes with Validus and the angels as I'd hoped, but that's okay.

I also liked Drew's development. I like seeing him grow, and that it didn't happen too fast. His getting involved with CIA things kind of intrigued me in that area, just for simply learning about it, and maybe using CIA-ness in my own stories. B)

Overall, I loved this and I really want more. XD

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### **Kimmie Blevins says**

I loved this series! It was my second time reading this series and I like it even more now. I enjoyed how Black incorporated the Bible into just about everything and it also helped me understand angels a lot more.

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### **Ntebogeng Archer says**

I am hoping the way the book ends means there's a fourth installment? Fingers-crossed.

What a great read. I will certainly be reading more from Mr Black! This has been one engaging, action packed, dazzled with cool technology kinda series. A merge of many realms, genres, and so wonderful!

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### **Lou says**

No pressure, but when is the new following series coming? I mean, this needs more books. I fully enjoyed it, but I need more of Carter's story!

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### **Sierra Faith says**

Full review to come!

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## **Kelly says**

My son and I finished the "Wars of the Realm" trilogy just before our Christmas break. Light of the Last is the final book of this trilogy by Chuck Black, and I found it to be just as good as the first two.

Drew has come to his limit. He just wants his normal life back, but there is a higher plan. Those who have been assigned to keep Drew safe have their hands full as Drew is the target of two different powerful forces.

When it becomes apparent that the United States is also a target, Drew and his friends may be the only ones who can save the day.

The things that Drew goes through in this trilogy really kept me turning pages. Chuck Black did an excellent job of weaving parts of history and believable political issues throughout this series, as well as some spiritual truths.

I was so involved in the story and cared so much about the characters that I spoke out in frustration at some of Drew's choices, and I cried at some of the sad scenes. I loved the characters in this series and I cheered for them through all three books. There was suspense, intrigue, adventure, danger, and a touch of romance in these books, and I highly recommend them. They are on my list of favorites.

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## **Schuyler says**

Guys. This book is pure rule of cool.

I closed it this morning, having read tons of pages over the last couple of days. Being sick gives me more time, but it was such a relief to even want to read a book. And the best thing about Light of the Last? As soon as I closed it, I wanted to jump up and write something awesome with all the inspiration this had given.

The technology in this book is really, really cool. I can't imagine how fun it was as an author to create Ben and Drew and the NexTech team. The jacket Witness, with its 360 camera and the earpiece with "Alice"--a technology voice able to fulfill any request--was tons of fun. Couple that with Drew's penchant for constantly getting himself in life-threatening situations, and you'll have one crazy ride. I really wished Witness and Alice were real gadgets, because I would have loved to use them and go on adventures.

I loved the theology. It brought twists and surprises to the book that I never saw coming. Several guesses I had were turned upside down. To be honest, I was surprised that this book was written so frankly--it's politically forthright and far from politically correct. I'm really, really glad Multnomah put it out, because I think it contains a good wake-up call about America, Muslims, and Israel in its pages. Chuck Black does a good job creating drama using fictional spin-offs of real-life events.

I'm really impressed with the picture Chuck Black gave us of the main character, Drew. "Agent Carter" is cool. We see him struggling, working, years passing as he builds up his skill sets. He's not a believer, and he's grown up with a regular American lifestyle. While he doesn't do anything hugely immoral, he's realistic--and so is the culture in which he lives. A lot of homeschool dads might not write this way, but I think

Chuck's willingness to explore different lifestyles in his fiction will enable him to reach a much wider audience of young people with the Gospel.

The sidekicks were well fleshed-out: Ben, Reed, Sydney, Ethan, Ross, and Jake. Drew's relationship with his step-dad, Jake, and friend, Ben, I especially loved. Also, the angel plots with Validus and his pals carried on much better than book two, partnering with Drew's perspective to move the story forward. Originally I thought book two was an unnecessary installment. Now I think it laid some really important groundwork, but I still think it's a danger spot for giving up the series. You can't quite read books one and three and get a complete picture, so I still suggest reading book two in order, but one and three are still my favorite.

There were a couple of sections where I got freaked out by the intensity--a couple of places where my belief was suspended, specifically the nanobots. But they were so small, really, it doesn't diminish five stars. Most times the intensity was pleasantly high, without being disturbing.

This book gave me giant amounts of fun, adventure, and inspiration. It's the story of a hero, and I love modern-day stories of heroes. It's a geeky story of twenty-somethings trying to save America, and since I'm a twenty-something and I love America, that resonated with me too. It's a story of people who value Israel, and I very much value Israel. It has commitment, jokes, sacrifice, and God's hand of providence all wrapped into one tight package. I'm going to read it again. It was awesome, guys. If you want a great book dramatizing spiritual warfare, check out the Wars of the Realm series. It's one I definitely want to read again.

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