Timeless Values Win Over In This Timeless Struggle

The sheer volume of this book was in itself discouraging. The amount of information contained in this book was just staggering. It really took an effort to remember the name of each character, the name of the towns they visited and to follow the intricate plot as the story unfolds in the chaos created by the Teutonic Knights in Central and Eastern Europe.

It was all well worth the effort, even when I think how I carried this hefty book with me everywhere I went for nearly a month. The cast of characters are memorable as the book itself: Jurand, who swears revenge, Danusia, the innocent damsel, Jagienka the feisty virago, Hlawa, the noble squire, and Tougay Bey, the merciless Tartar warchief, just to mention a few.

I know I read a translation. Usually W. S. Kuniczak translates Sienkiewicz's books, but Alicia Tyszkiewicz did an excellent job in translating this lengthy book and in doing so, she rendered a story in a style worthy of the Polish Laureate, who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1905.

Through Sienkiewicz we feel the courage of the Polish people. A country ravaged by wars, and several invasions, coveted by neighbors, and fiercely defended by her children, the spirit of Poland lives through Sienkiewicz novels.

In my opinion, Henryk Sienkiewicz is one of Europe's greatest writers. "Teutonic Knights", "With Fire and Sword" and "Quo Vadis?" are among the best novels I have ever read from a Polish author, and maybe, the best novels written in the 20th century!

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