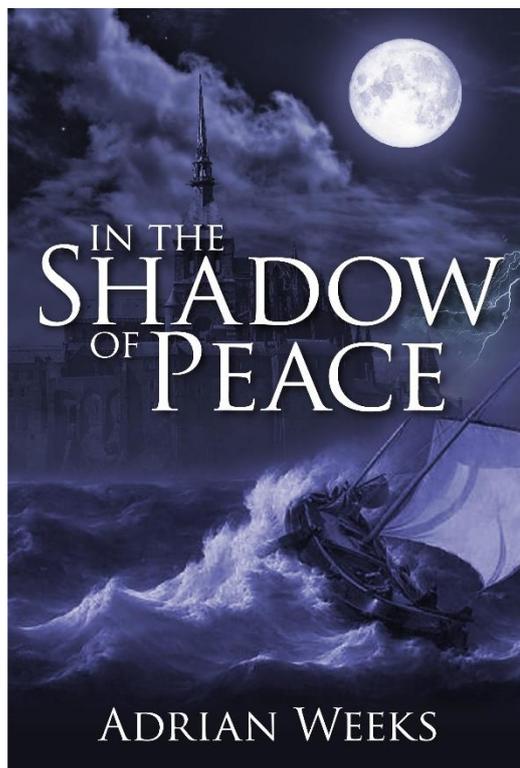


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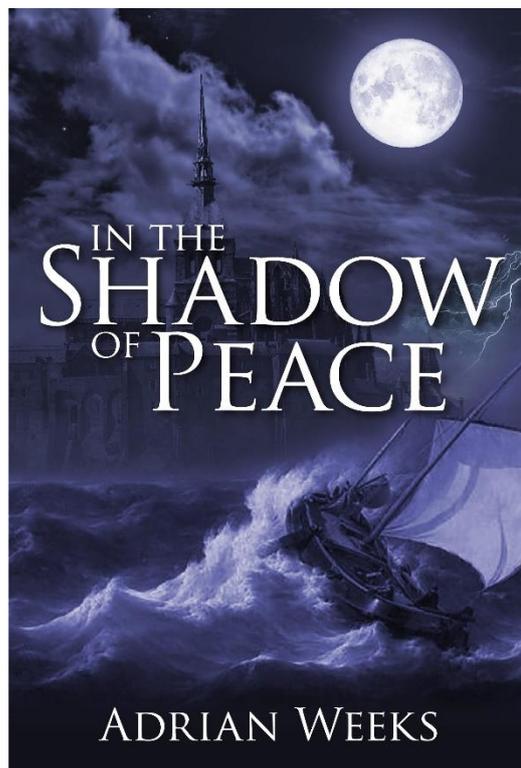
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'IN THE SHADOW OF PEACE'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I have been inspired to create a story that will provide pleasure and enjoyment for the readers while also thoroughly enjoying the experience of writing. When I was in high school and really discovering the joy of reading, I was faced with analysis of novels in English classes to explore themes, meanings and hidden subtleties. This felt in contrast to a recording of an interview where JRR Tolkien clearly stated that his books were written for pure entertainment and not intended as metaphors for a greater meaning. Reading stories for pleasure resonated with me far more than reading a book while trying to elicit its deeper meaning. As a reader myself, I have written this book as a story I would like to read for pure enjoyment.

I wrote this book to share a story of characters playing out their lives for others to escape to and enjoy. My appreciation of creating characters and a plot line and putting words onto 'paper' grew as my writing progressed. Once I had formed the initial concept, I was excited to discover where my mind would lead the story; to see who the villains would turn out to be, see who would live and who would die, overcome hurdles, or fail.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

I tried to think of characters that were pivotal to the story. Occasionally I had a plan for a particular character, but a different path evolved to that which I had laid out for them. I always found that interesting; when the characters did what I didn't expect them to do. This often occurred when a character was confronted with a situation and needed to respond in a manner consistent with their identity, rather than some lowly author doggedly sticking to a pre-prepared storyline.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOOK/S?

I like to keep my thoughts about future works to myself, but I am interested in a prequel to in the 'In The Shadow of Peace' as well as another book in the same world; perhaps set a few hundred years before or after 'In The Shadow of Peace'.

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