

Relationships Between the Light in the Empire Novels of Carol Ashby

The Light in the Empire Series follows the interconnected lives of several Roman families during the reigns of Trajan and Hadrian. Join them as they travel the Empire, from Germania and Britannia to Thracia, Dacia, Judea, North Africa, and, of course, to Rome itself.

Although each can be read stand-alone, here are some groupings you might enjoy based on the appearance of some characters in more than one story. If (title), someone in that family is important but not seen.

Drusus family: *The Legacy, True Freedom, Second Chances, Forgiven, (More Than Honor)*

Lentulus family: *Blind Ambition, Faithful*

Crassus family: *Blind Ambition, Faithful, Honor Bound*

Sabinus family: *The Legacy, Honor Bound, More Than Honor, What Matters Most*

Titianus family: *True Freedom, More Than Honor, What Matters Most, Truth and Honor*

Glabrio family: *What Matters Most, Truth and Honor*

Martinus family: *Truth and Honor, Crushed Hopes and Hopeful Beginnings*

Brutus family: *Faithful, True Freedom, Honor Bound*

The Dacians: *Hope Unchained, Hope's Reward, True Freedom*

You can start the series with any of the novels because they truly can be read independently. But since they share some characters, you might find it a richer experience if you've spent time with the characters in more than one story. Here are some lists that will let you see some of the relationships between the novels. You can download a [printable pdf](#) of this information.

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The theme of all the novels: Remaining faithful to Jesus, even when that might cost everything, can change the world for those around us, even for people who might start out as our enemies.

The series tagline: Dangerous times, difficult friendships, lives transformed by forgiveness and love.

Timeline of novels

Year (AD)	Title	Location
106	Hope Unchained	Romania to Serbian coast and back
106	Hope's Reward	Italy, Romania, Serbia, Albania, Greece
114	Blind Ambition	Germany to Rome and back
114	The Legacy	Rome to Greece to Turkey
118	True Freedom	Rome and surrounding parts of Italy
122	Forgiven	Israel (Galilee)
122	Second Chances	Rome to Greece to Turkey
122	Faithful	Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and Rome
122-3	Honor Bound	Rome, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany
126	More Than Honor	Rome
126	Crushed Hopes and Hopeful Beginnings	Roman Egypt and Carthage in North Africa
127	What Matters Most	Rome
128	Truth and Honor	Rome and Carthage in North Africa

The family relationships of the characters in the stories (listed chronologically)

Drusus family

Blind Ambition
The Legacy
True Freedom
Forgiven
Second Chances

Lentulus Family

Blind Ambition
Faithful

Crassus family

Blind Ambition
Faithful
Honor Bound

Aristarchus of Thessalonica family and friends

Hope's Reward
The Legacy
Second Chances

Diegis/Leander, Ariana, and Ursus from Dacia

Hope Unchained
Hope's Reward
True Freedom

Brutus family

True Freedom
Faithful
Honor Bound

Gracchus family

Hope Unchained
Hope's Reward

Sabinus family

The Legacy
True Freedom
Honor Bound
More Than Honor
What Matters Most

Titianus family

True Freedom
More Than Honor
What Matters Most
Truth and Honor

Glabrio family

What Matters Most
Truth and Honor

Martinus family

Truth and Honor
Crushed Hopes and Hopeful Beginnings

Stories Where Publius's Letter from *The Legacy* is Important

The Legacy
More Than Honor
What Matters Most

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