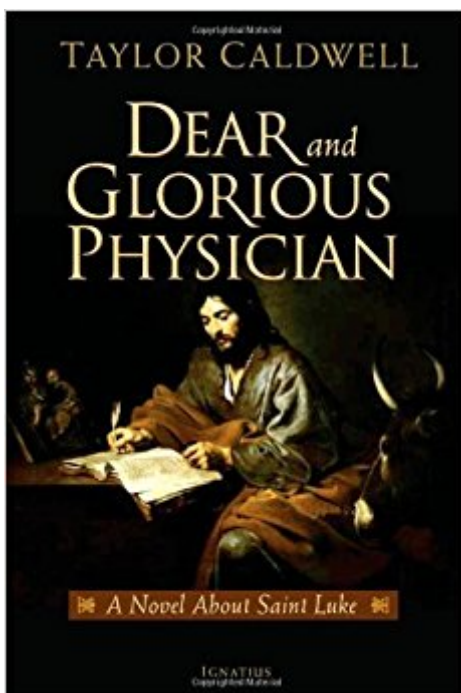


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# Dear And Glorious Physician: A Novel About Saint Luke



## Synopsis

The world-famous novel about the triumphant story of St. Luke. Man of science, and Gospel writer. Today St. Luke is known as the author of the third Gospel of the New Testament, but two thousand years ago he was Lucanus, a Greek, a man who loved, knew the emptiness of bereavement, and later traveled through the hills and wastes of Judea asking, "What manner of man was my Lord?" And it is of this Lucanus that Taylor Caldwell tells here in one of the most stirring stories ever lived or written. Lucanus grew up in the household of his stepfather, the Roman governor of Antioch. After studying medicine in Alexandria he became one of the greatest physicians of the ancient world and traveled far and wide through the Mediterranean region healing the sick. As time went on he learned of the life and death of Christ and saw in Him the God he was seeking. To find out all he could about the life and teachings of Jesus, whom he never saw, Lucanus visited all the places where Jesus had been, questioning everyone--including His mother, Mary--who had known Him or heard Him preach. At last, when he had gathered all information possible, he wrote down what we now know as the Gospel according to St. Luke. Taylor Caldwell has chosen the grand, the splendid means to tell of St. Luke. Her own travels through the Holy Land and years of meticulous research made Dear and Glorious Physician a fully developed portrait of a complex and brilliant man and a colorful re-creation of ancient Roman life as it contrasted in its decadence with the new world Christianity was bringing into being. Here is a story to warm, to inspire, to call forth renewal of faith and love lying deep in each reader's heart.

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## Customer Reviews

Taylor Caldwell is one of my all time favorite authors and this book is her very best in my opinion. (This is my fourth purchase since I keep sharing it with other "Historical Novel" lovers like me!) The book arrived in record time in excellent condition and I started reading right away. It's one of those "hard to put down" books. Excellent read!

This is a great book and well written on the story of Luke. It takes place during the Roman Empire times during the life of Christ. Obviously the crucifixion is somewhat violent and while there is some romance I really could not call it "some sexual content". All in all it was very difficult to put the book down. I probably read the entire book in less than 3 days. I plan to read again later this summer. Highly recommend.

"Physician" is a fictional account of St. Luke's life that can be somewhat slow moving and, of course, how the book ends is already known. However, the descriptions of life in the ancient world are fascinating and based on the author's extensive research. The most surprising aspect of the novel was the concerns of Roman citizens regarding the fall of their Republic and its descent into a ruthless, amoral empire. Their comments eerily parallel what is happening in the USA today.

I first read this book as a young teenager, when summers were filled with the luxury of lying on the beach and reading novels. Life was grand. After my first Taylor Caldwell novel, I was hooked. Lying on a beach on the shores of Lake Erie, in Port Colborne Ontario, I travelled so many wonderful places. Dreamed of seeing all of these wonderful delicious places she had described so well. I just knew after college that I too would travel and love the places I had already seen through her eyes and then wanted to follow my high school mentor. Oh the dreams of youth. After rereading Dear and Glorious Physician, it remains one of my all time favorite books. I too have always loved Luke. His walk through life with Mary brings me closer to her than many many other books I have read sense. My only regret is that I did not name my last son, Lacunas. Judy Payne Sy

This is an incredibly beautifully written book about St. Luke. I have sent it to some dear friends and they love it as much as we do... Taylor Caldwell is a remarkable writer....her books are almost biographical.....When you read this book, it is as though you are right there during the days Jesus walked the earth. And though St. Luke never met Jesus, you are very moved as you read how he became transformed into the Saint he was. It doesn't matter what your religion is, just knowing who this incredible healer was is a marvelous journey.....and you won't be able to put the book

down either. I highly recommend it to everyone. Blessings, Nancy

This is a beautifully written historical novel. The rich vocabulary and vivid imagery are worth more than the price of admission. If you enjoy getting lost in another time and place this is a must read. I gave 4 stars instead of 5 because I wanted to know the rest of Luke's life. This book ends with his acquiring the information needed to write the gospel. I would have liked it to continue to the end of his life. I guess I will have to do some research on my own. I know this is one of those books I will revisit several times. Although I had some supposed facts stuck in my brain about Luke, when I started reading this book I realized how little I actually did know about him. When I finished reading the book I started reading the gospel according to Luke and realized how much of it was written in third person objective point of view. Thanks to Taylor Caldwell, I now have some questions I am going to enjoy finding answers.

This is an account of the life of Lucanus the physician, better known as St. Luke. Ms. Caldwell has an uncanny ability to make the character so real he almost leaps off the page; his struggles regarding his personal beliefs/disbeliefs in God may very well mirror your own. An excellent book for anyone interested in learning about the life of this particular saint.

Wonderfully written, engrossing historical fiction. The descriptions of places, people and ideas were amazing. This will become my favorite along with the Silver Chalice.

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