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It is October 1844. With the death of the evil Colonel Mahon and the end of the greatest potato famine in living memory, it seems peace and prosperity are finally on the way to Ballynockanor. But is this the calm before the storm? As Kate awaits the birth of their baby, Joseph is in hiding in London. Trying to find his way to Ireland and to his beloved wife, Joseph fights against the forces that seek to block their reunion.

This fourth book in the Galway Chronicles portrays the impact of the tragic potato famine that would kill or displace a third of the population of Ireland. Set in a place and time in Ireland's history that affects the age in which we now live, this novel follows the fight for freedom by passionate Irishmen and brings the heroism and heartbreak to life for modern readers. From the horror of famine to the plots of ruthless men, "All Rivers to the Sea" gives a human face to the troubles that brought so many Irish to the shores of America.

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### **Sheila says**

Having been captivated through the first 3 books. The reader wonders if there is hope for Joseph, Kate and the people of Ballyknockanor. The mystery has completely unraveled and the puzzle pieces bring closure. Good triumphs over evil and the reader closes the book with a sigh of satisfaction. Great research, storyline, and character development that make for exciting reading. A series that is worth keeping on your own personal bookshelf.

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### **David Mckeever says**

The historical aspect of the series was quite informative and interesting. But I must admit it was a depressing series... being reminded of how poorly mankind can treat each other. The arrogance and cruelty was staggering... but we must be reminded, so that we appreciate what we have and do not repeat this kind of history.... on both small and large scales.

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### **Ellen Sutjak says**

Loved the whole series!

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### **Kw says**

A wonderful conclusion to an informative, interesting, heart-wrenching story of the plight of the Irish even before the potato famine was fully underway. I didn't know that 1/3 of the Irish people either starved or emigrated during this holocaust, nor had I any idea how cruel the English were to them under Cromwell and Trevelyan, who felt that "God in His providence has seen fit to remove the Irish from Ireland so a better race may rule!" The tyranny that cost so many lives and cost as many others their homes still remains the source of bitter debate in Northern Ireland, and the country's population is still only half its pre-famine pre-immigration levels, according to these authors.

I loved the books, the characters, the enfolding of the stories, and the emphasis on God's unfailing love. (I wish I could discuss this with Bill. :-)

But as one Irish traditional poem goes,  
"O! Dublin sure there is no doubtin'  
Beats every city upon the sea,  
'Tis there you'll see O'Connell spoutin'  
And Lady Morgan making tea.  
For 'tis the capital of the greatest nation,  
With finest peasantry on a fruitful sod,

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Fighting like devils for conciliation,  
And hating each other for the love of God."

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### **Mary Kestner says**

This is the last of the 4 books in the Galway Chronicles. If you want to learn something of Ireland during the time of the Potato Famine then read these. Easy reads and interesting.

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### **Stephanie says**

The ending was hard. There was so much tribulation for the main characters in the story. Honestly, I wanted a neater, more happy ending, but the truth of it is that there probably weren't happier endings to be expected than the one written. This one was the hardest in the series for me to read, because I kept holding out hope things would end even better. Great series, but be prepared to feel the gravity of history weighing sadly on you as you finish. Easy to read, but not necessarily an easy read. Worth it, though as the characters are beautifully written.

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### **Karen says**

I've not yet met a Bodie Thoene book I didn't like! The style/language of the book feels very authentically Irish, and the historical aspects factual. Combined with a very engaging storyline and characters, it was just lovely.

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### **Judie says**

After wading through all that tribulation, I was glad to make it to the end. The story of the Irish is a gut-wrenching one, and I had trouble ploughing through these four volumes to the end. It was my second reading, so perhaps once was enough. It was also an engrossing story.

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### **Heather says**

This was a great read and very educational about Ireland in 1652.

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### **Kaethe says**

I loved this series of an Irish family. I was sad to finish the last book.

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### **Kim says**

This was a fair good book. This is the day that Kate Donovan Burke is to deliver the child of Squire Joseph Connor Burke. The future generations in Galway are assured. Squire Joseph is far from home his tenants believe he will surely return to share in the joy and abundance of his people. They believe it as certain as the river flowing to the sea.

Their have been no one living memory had ever seen such wealth of potatoes from the fields that slope up from the gentle waters of the river Cornamona.

The villager's of Ballyknockanor eagerly await the birth of Joseph and Kate's son.

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### **Tawnia says**

4th and last book in series. Enjoyed the hisorical information about Ireland, and everything else. wasn't sure if I should give these books a 4 star rating or 5 star rating. Really enjoyed these books. Would like to read more books by Bodie and Brock Thoene!

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### **Elizabeth says**

I really enjoyed this book as I learned much about the potatoe bought in Ireland as well as the political background. I had to read this book in diagonal as well being a bit bigger down in all the different stories ongoing at the same time. lived all the Christian values painting the novel throughout. nice love story. thank you Thoene and Thoene for another great series

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### **Mary says**

Following this story through the great potato famine of Ireland, our main character, family, friends, neighbors, finally are forced to leave and board a ship to America. At first this seems very sad, but as is expressed by Joseph, "We (Christians) must continue to live and focus on life, not places and things." The accused family that were to be hung were exonerated and also were able to go with the rest to the new land. The historical saga is a good one, and reminds us all of what is important and how the sovereignty of God is always pervading. I look forward to reading more from Bodie Thoene and her husband. This is the end of this series, "Galway Chronicles." Easy reading overall.

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### **Pat says**

This is the final book in an AMAZING series by Bodie Thoene which follows a family through the harsh conditions of the Irish in their homeland and, for those who survive, as they attempt to escape to a new life in America. If you are at all interested in the history of the Irish people, this historical fiction is right on the mark and speaks right to the heart.

