

The English novelist Mary Stewart uses the Arthurian legend to spin a spellbinding tale in her novel **The Hollow Hills** set in fifth century Britain. Merlin, magician and counselor to King Arthur, is narrator of the ancient story which has profound relevance to these times and in this place.

For a long time the sword lay there still like a weapon newly burned, waiting for the hand which will lift and wield it.

Through a man's life there are milestones, things he remembers even into the hour of his death. God knows that I have had more than a man's share of rich memories.