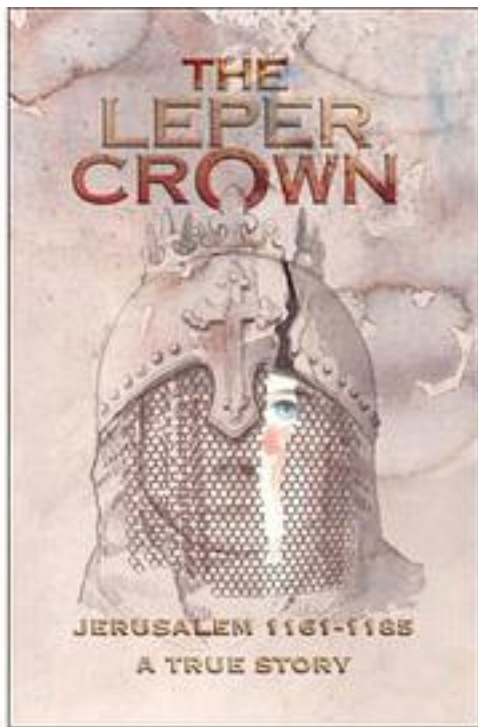


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In 1174 Baldwin IV ascended the throne of the Kingdom of Jerusalem. He was thirteen and among the brightest, ablest and most courageous of his generation. And he was about to fall in love. He was also a leper. As the dreaded disease consumed his body and threatened both mind and spirit, Baldwin faced another enemy, equally relentless and just as deadly: Saladin, Lord of Syria and Egypt, absolute ruler of millions surrounding the tiny kingdom. The Great Sultan was sworn to restore the Holy Land to Islam and drive every infidel from its shores. Baldwin would meet him twice, first in peace, then in mortal combat.

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