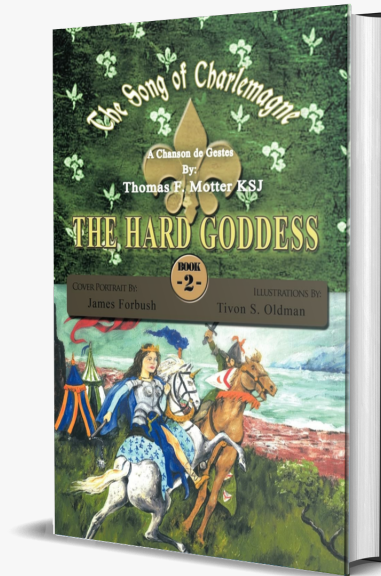


Thomas Motter Sheds Light on Women's Power in the Dark Ages

A revealing historical narrative that explores female influence, religion, and war during Charlemagne's reign.

COOKSTOWN, NJ, UNITED STATES, May 1, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Thomas Motter's historical novel "[The Song of Charlemagne II: The Hard Goddess](#)" continues his epic trilogy with a provocative and richly researched exploration of the forces shaping early medieval Europe. Backed by a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and over two decades of scholarly research in French Medieval History, Motter introduces a bold and necessary perspective on the roles of women in war, religion, and politics during the time of Charlemagne.



In this second installment, Motter shines a spotlight on the women behind the battlefield, figures whose presence, motives, and mystique echo across centuries in phrases like femme fatale and feminine mystique. The novel paints a vivid landscape of post-Roman France, layered with Dark Age brutality, religious manipulation, and courtly intrigue. Through the lens of the troubadours' storytelling, readers witness both the beauty and brutality of a society navigating the rise of organized religion as a tool for control—Christian or Muslim—and the subtle yet potent influence of women in shaping history from behind the scenes.

Motter's deep historical understanding, shaped through on-site research throughout France and academic study at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, brings unmatched authenticity to this gripping tale. A former medical technology executive, a decorated Vietnam-era military officer, and a Knight Hospitaller, Motter weaves together academic rigor, real-world experience, and cultural fluency in his storytelling. His work urges readers to reexamine history's treatment of gender, power, and religion—and how those themes continue to resonate in our world today.

“The Song of Charlemagne II: The Hard Goddess” motivates readers to reflect on societal constructs and the unseen forces that shape them. An engaging and thought-provoking read, this book is now available for purchase on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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