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- Description: Who was the Roman Centurion that stabbed Jesus while the condemned one hung from the Cross? What became of him and his legendary spear? **LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor** tells the story of Gaius Cassius Longinus, the battle-hardened Centurion of Rome who is assigned to guard the crucified Jesus. But while guarding Jesus, Longinus stabs him in the ribs with his spear, ensuring Jesus' death. After that fateful day Longinus flees Rome, narrowly escaping the Roman priests who want to take the spear and its supposed power for themselves. **LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor** follows the Centurion's life from his love for the prostitute Irena to his mystical studies with the Druids of Gaul. But it also reveals Longinus' profound spiritual awakening through his Druidic studies and the spear that speaks to him with the voice of Jesus. **LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor** shows, in fictional form, an ordinary man's unfolding to his own inner potential, his own inner *Merlin* -- a title and level of achievement within the ranks of Druids -- which is that seemingly magical part in each of us that displays infinite potential. This is **The Merlin Factor**.
- Reviews: "Told in the first person from Longinus' point of view, **LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor** is an unforgettable glimpse of what life and spiritual discovery in the time of Christ could have been like, and nearly impossible to put down." – THE MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW
- "The early raves indicate that the novel (**LONGINUS: Book I Of The Merlin Factor**) will hold vast appeal even for those who normally shy away from stories that tackle religious history and philosophy." –THE TOLUCAN TIMES & CANYON CRIER
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