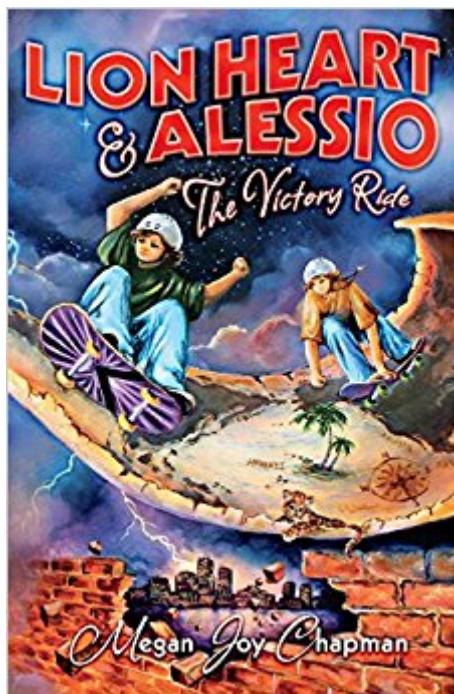


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# Lion Heart & Alessio



## **Synopsis**

Jed and Makarios (aka Mak) have big dreams of becoming pro skateboarders, traveling the world to compete against the best. Jed's stoked because he's finally old enough to enter the Victory Ride skateboarding competition with his older cousin and best friend, Mak. But when he finds out that Mak and his family are moving to Greece, Jed's dreams kickflip out of his control. In his devastation over Mak's move, Jed decides to quit skateboarding. But after a mysterious encounter, Jed and Mak receive an ancient treasure that comes with supernatural powers. Transformed into warriors named Lion Heart & Alessio, Jed and Mak are sent on a spirit-filled adventure, together, that they never thought was possible. The Lion Heart & Alessio series is a quirky story about faith, family, and the struggles we must overcome to live a victorious life. Use for a 'read aloud' in the classroom or a reading project at home. Youth will not only fill up on Scripture, but will have a blast doing it as they embark on a fun adventure. Both boys and girls will relate to the unique cast of theatrical characters. Free discussion questions and coloring pages are available on the authors website.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Megan captures the adventurous heart in all of us. The boys quickly discover that faith requires courage and courage demands action. Her book provides numerous topics of discussion as the characters make choices that impact their lives forever. --Kim McCarty, Principal, Haili Christian

SchoolMegan's writing certainly relates well to her audience. She is able to communicate strong Christian truths through a story that youth find appealing and exciting. It causes students to think about what they can do to impact the world for Jesus.Â --Karen Henriksen, Academy at Foxborough  
In "The Victory Ride," Megan Chapman introduces readers to the winsome duo, Lion Heart and Alessio, in an adventure that is fun, fast, and full of Jesus. It's a well written tale in which the supernatural flows naturally and Â the plot moves smoothly, resolving most of the questions that keep the reader turning the pages. The only question with which she leaves readers struggling: "When will the sequel be released?"--Bill Barley,Â Senior Pastor, Living Stones Church

Originally from Boston, Megan Joy Chapman lives in Hawaii with her husband. Megan's extensive background in dance, fitness, and fashion design inspire her theatrical characters and colorful writing style. Megan began writing Lion Heart & Alessio as a gift for her family. But after her nephew--one of the heroes of this book- died unexpectedly, she realized that this story was not just for them, but for everyone who has suffered. Megan uses her passion for Jesus to encourage people to stand firm on God's promises--no matter what the circumstances. Her greatest desire is to show the world that they are loved, unique, precious to God, and have eternal worth and purpose.

Lion Heart & Alessio love this book. The characters pop off the page with youthful energy. Megan Joy Chapman is a new author with an obvious gift. She infuses Jesus Christ's timeless message flawlessly into a plot full of colorful characters, humor, and adventure. Thank you, MJC.I now know what all the young people on my Christmas list will be getting this year.

LH and A is a fast-paced, fun book! Though it stars two boys, girls and boys will both enjoy The Victory Ride. The setting takes you from Boston to Hawaii to Greece. You see two cousins learn to deal with change and moving, sadness and self-pity, and--eventually--joy in saying "Yes" to God's better plans!Jed and Mak find out what happens when they offer their hearts and their skateboarding talent to Jesus. He gives them new names and takes them on skateboarding trips beyond their wildest dreams.Kids will love this book who like adventure stories, mysteries, skateboard moves, and stories about rescuing animals. Christian parents and teachers will love this book as they unlock themes of repentance and salvation, forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, magic vs. power from God's Spirit, and living for one's own glory vs. God's glory. Spiritual gifts are brought to life--all through colorful characters.This book is appropriate for a read-aloud to 2nd-5th graders, or independent reading for 4th-6th graders.Kris Richards,Writing and Bible teacher,

Jed and Mak embark on a special assignment, one that requires supernatural powers, handed out by God himself. New names, skateboards that can fly anywhere on the planet, state of the art technology. What could be more exciting? Megan is a LOL, superb storyteller. Using solid Christian theology, she created delightful characters who have both whimsical, heart-felt interactions . The only problem for me was I wanted more of their adventures! Megan is building a readable and reliable series of stories for the young and old alike. I look forward to sharing with my grandchildren, the many more assignments of Lion Heart & Alessio. Honoree Broderson Author of Ripped Off

The Victory Ride is nothing short of high air in the half-pipe for boarders-- but even if you don't know a switch stand from a kickflip, Megan Chapman's zany LOL cleverness mixes with poignancy to land it a fun read for all--and a best seller! Its message is no fakie either!--Suzanne Field, KC Author of The Painted Table[...]

Megan Chapman's book is laugh-out-loud funny, even for this non-skateboarding grandma! Your skateboarder will love it but the book would be perfect for the whole family to read aloud on a long road trip. The author creates fascinating characters, hilarious dialogue, yet fills the book with simple, poignant truth. Five stars! Shirley Walston Author of Kristal's Wedding

Megan Chapman has created a wonderful fast paced adventure for all. Lion Heart and Alessio teach us with love, kindness, friendship, and a lot of help from the Lord good will always be victorious over evil. Parents need to put Lion Heart and Alessio on their Christmas lists this year for a fun, hilarious, and exciting holiday read for their whole families.

Perfect book to read as a class. Megan captures the adventurous heart in all of us. The boys quickly discover that faith requires courage and courage demands action. Her book provides numerous topics of discussion as the characters make choices that impact their lives forever. We look forward to the next adventure!!

Could not put this book down. Great message about what it takes to become a Christian. Not just for kids but all ages! Highly recommend this book for any parent looking for a fun way to share Christ's message with their kids.

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