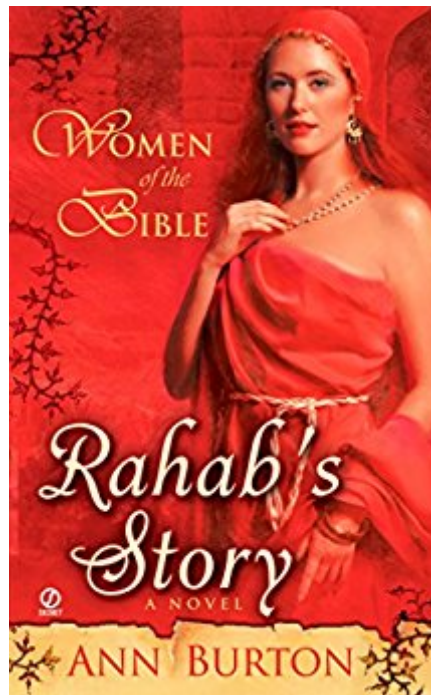


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Women Of The Bible: Rahab's Story: A Novel



Synopsis

The bible is filled with women of faith, bravery, and cunning. Here is one woman's tale as it might have happened. "And the city shall be accursed and all that are therein only Rahab the harlot shall live." Joshua 6:17. Once, she was Rahab the Beautiful, eldest daughter of a weaver and secret believer in her dead mother's cherished Judaism. But when her hateful stepmother accused her of witchery, Rahab was banished to almost certain death in Jericho. Now the girl known as Rahab the Outcast has no choice but to mingle with the city's untouchables and join its ranks of prostitutes. Even from the mire, Rahab keeps alive her faith in God. Then two Jewish spies for Joshua appear on her doorstep, begging her to hide them. Now, Rahab faces the biggest decision of her life: stay safe and slam the door in their faces or help her fellow believers, and transform herself from harlot to heroine.

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Customer Reviews

So far I have read this book 3 times and love it even more after every read. The author paints a very vivid picture of the life that Rahab could have lived in Jericho. My favorite part is when Rahab meets up with Tiamut, a kind Egyptian woman who takes her into her inn called, "The House of Palms" and helps her out after she has been thrown out of her own home by her pagan step mother. Tiamut is herself a prostitute that has taken into her home five sisters, as she calls them to entertain guests in the rooms upstairs everynight. Rahab seems to befriend the other women, but really cares about Tiamut. Tiamut also loves weaving flax into linen cloth and has a beautiful loom in her room, she gives a loom to rahab, because Rahab has the same love of weaving that Tiamut has. The research on ancient weaving, Foods, preparing the flax on the roof for spinning and so much more just captivated me. So, Rahab must have been a weaver for all that flax to be on her roof to hide the two spies under. So many atrocities are being committed in Jericho, where the God Molech is bowed down to, so much innocent children being sacrificed. No wonder God destroyed the city and everything and everyone in it, except for rahab and her family. I highly recommend this book. I love rereading the parts where they weave, types of food cooked and the types of wigs and kohl that was used to protect the eyes. Salmone is in this book toward the end and loves Rahab because he sees in her a heart full of love for God and wants so much to belong with the people who love the one true God.

Interesting and well written story. A few Biblical errors (the Israelite 40 years wandering-- how they ate and survived) but overall an interesting way to weave the story of a brave and faithful woman who saved her loved ones by doing what was right and trusting in God. It also showed how a mother's love and legacy can change the next generation! *Rahab was known to be a harlot-- great story but obviously details should be saved for mature readers!

Wow,this was a very good read! It was written how it may have happened,yet.even in this book we are in awe of Rahabs Faith and what I love is her faith saved her whole household and she is the lineage line of King David and our Lord Jesus! This is also a good book for adult bible classes it has excellent discussion? ?'s!

This is a big eye-opener on how Rahab became a harlot and how harlots live. But she did save the lives of two Hebrew spies and helped hide them on the roof and a rope to get down the wall of Jericho. She did tie a piece of scarlet yarn on the rope so she and her household were saved.

Ann Burton has again brought to life one of the women that for too long have been shunted aside or hidden by the men who would make us believe that only men occupied any importance in the time of Christ. Another great story. Well written with excellent characters to make the times and life come to be real.

I thought the story was well told. Some of the sections seemed a little farfetched considering the place and time period. It was entertaining and I liked the bits of original Canaanite language that added a touch of authenticity. It seemed tame considering her profession and the city she lived in which was a center for Baal worship at the time.

I really liked this book! I liked the concept of grace that Burton describes through her characters...and not only through Rahab, but also her associates. Love and grace come from unlikely sources, much like "real" life.

I would have liked more about when she went with the Semites. It was all about being a harlot and details I didn't enjoy. This was not the book for me.

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