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The Shadow Women





Synopsis

Under the shadow of ancient Egypt, a baby boy is born to a peasant woman. His young sister leaves him in a basket in a river, hiding in the rushes to watch over him until a princess comes to claim the child as her own. She names him Moses, and he grows to become a man whose life is characterised by violence and terror, but equally by faith, and whose sacrifice ultimately leads to the redemption and liberation of his people from slavery. Told from the perspective of the women who loved him, from his mother and sister, who saved him by giving him up, to the Egyptian princess who adopted him, to the shepherd's daughter he married, this epic novel of passion and intrigue offers a fresh perspective on the man who received the 10 Commandments, parted the Red Sea and lead God's people out of Egypt: Moses, one of the most enigmatic figures in Biblical history.

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Customer Reviews

This book goes into the life and times of Moses from the three perspectives of the women in his life: his Egyptian mother, his Hebrew sister, Miriam, and his Medianite wife, Zipporah. It brought to life the conflicting cultures Moses lived in and his personal conflicts in the various stages of his life. I became aware of Moses' humanity and his very real internal struggles as well as his one-of-a-kind relationship with God and his role as intercessory between God and the Israelites. As I read I had to remind myself on more than one occasion that although the book is based on historical fact, much of it is fiction such as the interaction of the three women with Moses and between themselves. The book was easy and interesting to read. I'm glad a friend recommended it to me.

I love historical fiction. But this book was one of the best. As a Christian, it was so wonderful to imagine how the women in Moses life felt watching and experiencing these miracles and interactions with God. Of course, we can not truly know what they were thinking, but Angela Hunt did a wonderful job writing what these women felt, endured, how hard life was . I recommend this book to anyone who finds reading the scriptures difficult. Then look in your Bible, as I did, to see the word of God for yourself. I knew how the book would end, but it was a wonderful journey.

It has been a while since I've read a book written by Angela Hunt. Now I remember why I love her books. This is a wonderful book about women around Moses's life. It is a fictional book based on the Bible. You get to see the life of Moses from women's point of view, starting with his sister, his adoptive mother and do on. This book flows naturally, interesting and easy to read. Just what you expect from Angela Hunt's book. I love novels that bring the Bible and history to life. I highly recommend this book to anyone.

Interesting book. Gives you a look at the lives of the Israelite people and their way of living. You see Moses and Aaron as ordinary men whom God works through. All throughout their lives they were being supported by the women who quietly worked behind the scenes so they were able to do God's work. They ere indeed shadow women but were important, each playing a necessary role in the lives of Moses and Aaron.

Brilliantly written. After 45 years of reading the Bible, I knew Hunt knew her's. My first novel by this famous writer, I didn't know what to expect but I will be reading more of her work. Not liking spoilers, I won't go into long paragraphs of my own take-aways. I simply loved this truly wonderful story of Moses et al. Knowing some Hebrew, their true names in Hebrew didn't bother me a bit. All readers need do is look up their original names which in today's world of computer technology isn't difficult. Highly recommended novel about a fascinating man from Genesis.

A wonderfully told story of Moses's life from the points of view of the women in his life. This book gives new life to an old, well-known Bible story. History tends to sterilize events. This book gives details that, although added by the author, make the story more personal to the reader. Highly engrossing and fully entertaining!

I had trouble putting it down!! One of the most riveting books I've ever read. I chose to read it in the first place because of the biblical connection. The one thing I didn't like in the beginning was jumping back and forth in time and different situations so often. Eventually I appreciated the depth of each chapter and individual. Excellent, excellent.

Great book with insights and some twists on the Biblical story. I say "twists" but that doesn't mean it veers from the Biblical story, just looks at things from a different perspective which could have been the way it was (as we don't have such detail in the Bible). Of course the biggest change in perspective is that it is written from the viewpoint of 3 of the women closest to Moses. The authors include explanations at the end about why certain characters/events were chosen. I enjoyed it.

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