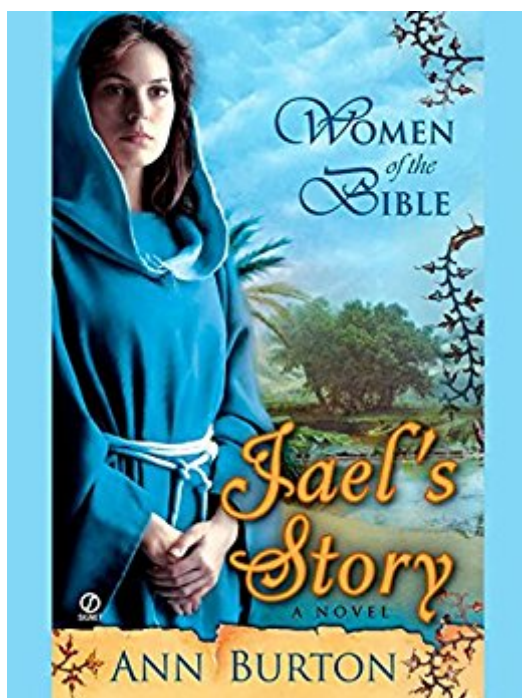


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Synopsis

The Bible is filled with women of faith, bravery, and cunning. Here is one woman's tale as it might have happened . . . "Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, Blessed shall she be above women in the tent." Judges 5:24 Like many a bride-to-be, Jael looks forward to a long, loving marriage. But when her husband, Heber, takes her home to live in the company of his other wife and concubine, Jael's dreams begin to crumble. The women in her tent warn Jael that, to bear Heber the sons he demands, she will have to risk shame, betrayal of her vows, even possible execution. But in the darkest moment of her life, there sparks a flame: a young warrior named Levi enters her life and Jael is presented with a life-changing decision, one that will affect the fate of all the people of Israel. Now there's no turning back on the path that will lead her to change history by doing the unthinkable. "Terrific biblical biographical fiction, the genesis of a new series." Midwest Book Review

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Customer Reviews

SPOILER ALERT (well it's a spoiler if you haven't read what the Bible says about Jael - I don't give lots of details though) On the whole this was a wonderful book - well-written, engaging, thoroughly enjoyable. I thought it was going to be a 5-star review for it... until I reached the part that actually corresponded with scripture. Let me be fair and say Burton had reasons for how she wrote the story and her logic was solid enough that I plan to read at least one more of her books before deciding whether she's an author I'll read more of. From her perspective she felt Judges 4 and 5 accounts of Jael were inconsistent. I can understand why she felt that way, but personally - since I believe in the inerrancy of the Word - if I read something that seemed contradictory I would assume there was something *I* was not understanding, not that there was an error in the word. I would have respected her more as a writer if she'd accepted the challenge and found a way to write a story that made BOTH accounts of Jael fit. And personally I think the Judges 4 account of the killing actually fit with the character of Jael as she'd written her. The other thing that just hit me funky was the whole "spirit of the tigress" bit. As a believer I want only one spirit operating - the HOLY Spirit. I know it's simply a way of speaking that she's using and it didn't make me hate the book by any means, but honestly it did detract for me. All that said there were MANY details about the book I thoroughly enjoyed! I loved the relationships between the woman, the way Burton painted the scenes, how Jael's heart was drawn to Yahweh-Shalom, the interactions between Jael and Levi... all wonderful! Eager to start on *Women of the Bible: Deborah's Story: A Novel*: Deborah's Story: A Novel *tonight* :)

This author is not the best I have read, however, I enjoy reading so yes, this book is a great enjoyment for me, thank you.

I enjoyed this story. It was nice to get a perspective on one of the little known women of the Bible. I always enjoy historical fiction and I liked the way this author placed her research into the novels to make it believable and give insight to the ways and culture of the day. The story itself was engaging and I didn't want to put it down. Makes me thankful for the circumstances I find myself in today instead of having to live back then. God's plan for all of us is perfect. Really liked the take this writer had on the story. Makes a lot more sense than some accounts I've heard. I like that she also writes to the reader after the story giving background on why she wrote as she did. Nice job Ann.

This is an interesting story about Jael and her cruel husband who also had 2 wives and 2

concubines. These 3 ladies were like sisters who work together and support one another when their husband was not around. When the general Sisera lost the war and fled from the battle, she gave him milk to drink and then killed him with a hammer and a tent peg. This was an interesting story.

Now here's a biblical character you don't hear much about. Ann Burton did a good job in bringing Jael's story to life. However, more about Jael's familial background or more complexity of her character would have enhanced the story. But, I still enjoyed the book as it was, and I will purchase more books by Ann Burton.

Finally someone is writing the stories of the women in the Bible. For too long they have been pushed to the back or barely mentioned as though they are a shame for the men to acknowledge. An excellent book and hopefully there will be more about the women in the future.

Well researched. It is fiction and we have no idea if it really happened that way but it helped bring that period of the Old Testament to life because of her research.

I love historical and Biblical fiction. I hadn't read one about Jael before, so this was a very interesting read. Obviously, Ann Burton takes a lot of liberties in the fiction surrounding the story, but nothing that contradicts the Bible.

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