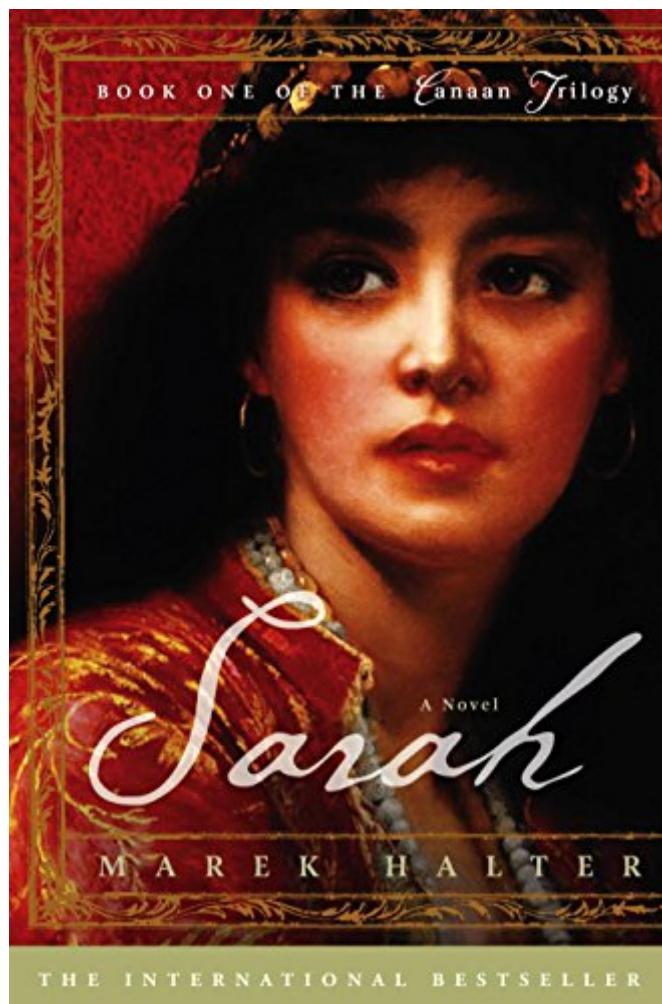


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Sarah: A Novel



Synopsis

The first novel in a dazzling new trilogy about the women of the Old Testament by internationally bestselling author Marek Halter. The story of Sarah--and of history itself--begins in the cradle of civilization: the Sumerian city-state of Ur, a land of desert heat, towering gardens, and immense wealth. The daughter of a powerful lord, Sarah is raised in great luxury, but balks at the arranged marriage her father has planned for her. The groom is handsome and a nobleman, but on their wedding day, Sarah panics and impulsively flees to the vast, empty marshes outside the city walls. There she meets a young man, Abram, a member of a nomadic tribe of outsiders. Drawn to this exotic stranger, Sarah spends the night with him, but reluctantly returns to her father's house. But on her return, still desperate to avoid another wedding, she drinks a poisonous potion that will make her barren and thus unfit for marriage. Many years later, Abram's people return to Ur, and he discovers that the lost, rebellious girl from the marsh has been transformed into the most splendid and revered woman in Sumeria--the high priestess of the goddess Ishtar. But the memory of their night together has always haunted Sarah, and she gives up her exalted life to join Abram's tribe and follow the one true God, an invisible deity who speaks only to Abram. It is then that her journey truly begins--a journey that holds the key to her remarkable destiny as the mother of nations. From the great ziggurat of Ishtar and the fertile valleys of Canaan to the bedchamber of the mighty Pharaoh himself, Sarah's story reveals an ancient world full of beauty, intrigue, and miracles. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

This past year I have been reading a several biographies on old testament characters. I like to read those that presents a woman's point of view. This was good in that I was able to learn what life may have been like at the time that Sarah (Sarai) lived. I felt that a little too much liberty was taken in the story line. It paralleled the Biblical story, but seemed to develop a background that for her that seemed a bit unlikely. Still, I did enjoy the read and felt like I did learn from it.

I loved this book. I'm fascinated by women in the Bible, and this fictional account of Sarah's life is vivid and very interesting.

If you are looking for something that follows the Biblical account exactly, then this is not going to please you. This is a fictional novel that generally aligns with the story of Abraham and Sarah. In the Genesis account there is minimal background revealed about Sarah. We are told she is Abram's wife, she is barren and she was beautiful. I felt Halter provided a creative work to weave those points into a thoughtful novel. The interaction of the characters to each other and circumstances was the interesting aspect of the book. That's because we know how things ended!

Kinda short, could have used more character development.

The Story is well written but very explicit about the sexual requirement of the young girl. Sarah is a beautiful woman and is frightened to have to submit to the men of her time. She was really a child. I love the story of Abram and Sari ,it is truly a love story. It follows pretty well the events written in the Old Testament but much more explicit than I think would be appropriate for a young girl to read.

This was an interesting story. If it was true, it'd be enlightening. I always have wondered where these women the men of God came from and what their lives were like. This is an optional view. I don't recall the Bible telling us much about where Sarai/Sarah came from or what her life was like

before Abraham so this is an interesting concept. It's a good story. I liked it. Give it a try. You might to.

This allowed me to see Sarah as a real, living, breathing woman with the same trials and doubts as all women. She's not just a dry, stick figure. It allowed me to see Abraham in a different light as well. A good read. It kept me interested to the very end and left me wanting more stories on the men and women in the Bible.

Interesting approach to Sarah's life. Encourages you to think more deeply about the characters in the Bible.

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