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When her father dies and she is left in the care of her conniving brother Laban, Rebekah knows her life has changed forever. Her hope for the future is restored when she falls in love with her cousin Isaac, and their relationship starts strong. But marital bliss cannot last forever, and the birth of their twin sons marks the beginning of years of misunderstanding, disagreement, and betrayal. The rift between them grows wider and wider until it is surely too deep to be mended. And yet, with God all things are possible.

Join bestselling author Jill Eileen Smith as she fills in the blanks around the biblical women behind the men we know well. Her in-depth research and creative storytelling bring Rebekah's unique story alive with romance, heartache, and the power of forgiveness.

Rebekah Details

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Kaylea says

Jill Eileen Smith has a rare talent.

She can not only write solid novels, but she uses Biblical knowledge and facts, to help her readers dive into the lives of her subjects.

In her newest book, Rebekah, Smith continues the "Wives of the Patriarchs" series, telling the love story of Isaac and Rebekah in a new way.

The novel opens with Rebekah, living as a young woman in her father's house. It spans the years - including her romance with Isaac (and how she ended up in his household) to her numerous years of infertility.

You'll laugh, cry and identify with Rebekah in a new way - especially as you see her change as the mother of Jacob and Esau.

Smith's talent is such, that you'll find yourself diving into the Bible to read along with her narrative. Yes, ultimately, her tale is fiction - but it is Biblical sound and a joy to read.

On the scale of one to five, I give her books a solid three. I've had several opportunities to read Smith's books, and honestly, each are a joy. I can't wait to see what is next in this series.

Yes, I received a copy of the book to review.

No, this review was not influenced by it.

Michelle says

More like 4.5 stars.

One of the things I both like and dislike about Biblical fiction is that you already know what will happen when you begin the story. The fun for me is in experiencing the details. For the most part I enjoyed this novel. I was familiar with the story about Isaac and Rebekah and how they came together for marriage to fulfill God's plan. I liked how the author showed the effects of what they referred to as "the binding" of Isaac by his father and how that caused a rift in his parents' marriage. It made sense the way the author laid out the details. That played a key part in the story.

I also enjoyed watching the love develop between Isaac and Rebekah who didn't know each other prior to her being brought to his residence to become his wife. She shared quite a bit with her deceased mother-in-law with the delay of childbirth being the biggest one as well as the one pregnancy, though in Rebekah's case it resulted in twins. I admired Isaac for keeping one wife as he waited on the Lord to fulfill his promise. The author did a great job showing how Isaac believed God for the promise even though he doubted in other areas. What I liked most was how human the author made these characters so they felt like people we can all relate to rather than the little bit we know about them from the facts outlined in the scriptures about the events in their lives.

The author also did a great job at making sense of Rebekah's deception and her motivation to have Jacob deceive her husband. She also did a wonderful job of showing how favoring one child over another can cause strife in families. All in all this was a good book. My favorite part was the romance and the biblical setting. Smith really knows how to bring the old testament to life.

Sharon Chance says

I've always been fascinated by the women of the Bible, so I was really eager to read Jill Eileen Smith's take on Rebekah, the wife of Issac and the mother of Esau and Jacob. I wasn't disappointed!

Smith takes her readers into the heart of this woman who made such an impact on the world with her words and actions. Rebekah is portrayed in this novel as a woman who desperately wanted to show her love and devotion to her beloved husband, but she always felt like she wasn't privy to his inner-most secrets. This caused a rift in their relationship that would last for the duration of their long, long marriage. Rebekah is also shown as a loving mother, whose sons came to her late in her life, and to whom she showered love and care, sometimes to their detriment.

I was so impressed with how Jill Eileen Smith presented Rebekah as a real, authentic woman who experienced and dealt with many issues that modern day women still deal with - raising a family, caring for a spouse, keeping the peace in the family, moving households numerous times.

"Rebekah" is the second book in Smith's "Wives of the Patriarchs" series - with "Sarai," the wife of Abraham, being the first. I highly recommend both books as insightful looks into the women who influenced our world both in their own times and still today!

Maureen Timerman says

What a fascinating read. We walk hand in hand with Rebekah, as a young woman, and then to a Grandmother.

Jill Eileen Smith really brings the Bible to life. We live in the tents with these people. We feel the deceit that happens, and seems to repeat in History.

Because we live in the New Testament Times, things are a lot different. I had a lot of respect for Isaac, and his vow not to take another wife, other than Rebekah. It seems that they had a lot of love for one another, even with the arranged marriage, but the fact of it was who arranged it!

This is a well know Story of The Bible, but it is so brought to life.

I would not envy their way of life, but the faith is so wonderful. Our God, the God of Abraham, truly blessed them.

A point to ponder as presented by the Author...Sarah would not have obeyed God as to the sacrifice?

I found this to be a very fast read, and really could not put it down.

I received this book through the Revell Blogging Program, and was not required to give a positive review.

Barbara Shelton says

My overall opinion of Jill Eileen Smith's writing Rebekah's story can be explained in one expletive – WOW!!

Ms Smith certainly displayed her ability to reveal deep inner feelings of each character that brought the age old story of Abraham followed by his blood born children to life. From now on, my personal thoughts of this scripture will vividly be quite different. She wrote with such freedom that only could have come from the Lord.

Rebekah is now known to me in a completely different light – before I had mistakenly imagined her as haggish and manipulative, but Jill brought out her beauty from the inside that endeared her to me. Yes, there were the same small minded or broad minded compassionate beings in that time as in any time. Rebekah and Isaac both showed a more loving compassionate lifestyle toward others, and as human nature proves time and again...resentment , jealousy and distance can mar close relationships through real or imagined slights and hurts.

Jill Eileen Smith's story is rich in believable information about the personal lives of each character, their thoughts, emotions, fears, and affections. This writing of Biblical fiction caused me to think deeper about the scriptures from whence the story came. Believing in God was as much of a choice then as now. I do have many questions yet as to where Ishmael and Esau spread their influences throughout history. But that is an issue that might better not be questioned here.

My admiration is unmeasured toward Jill's study and research, placing herself in the position of each character to think deeply as they might have thought. I count this all as AWESOME! She has further interested me in digging out maps and study regarding the scripture from which this fabulous story is written.

This review is following a bit later than others due to personal circumstances; however sharing a few thoughts about this historical Biblical fiction is merited. Indeed a pleasurable and emotional read and proving again God is infinite and blesses beyond comprehension. Thank you, Jill Eileen Smith, for shedding new light on the Word of God. In the future, over time, all of your writings will appear in my personal library. Abigail and now Rebekah have brought joy with my recommendation for all to pick up these great reads.

Tzi Alexander says

Rebekah by Jill Eileen Smith like its sister book, Sarai, details the life of one of the most well known Bible characters in an extraordinary stories written. Rebekah, the favored daughter, and Bethuel, the favored older son are extremely close to their favorite parent, their father. Their mother favors her sneaky and underhanded second son, Laban who cheats his elder brother out of his birthright by convincing their father in the last minutes of his life that Bethuel had no desire to attend his father on his deathbed. With this, Rebekah's fate lies in the hands of her conniving and greedy brother. As their relative, Abraham, grows old he sends his manservant, Eliezer, to find his son Isaac, a wife. The same as the tale in the Bible occurs.

Jill Eileen Smith's work in this book contrary to its sister book, Sarai, it was sorely lacking the beauty and ideas, even the very foundation it was placed upon fell short of the anticipated and well known story of

Rebekah.

While it had great theatrical elements I was disappointed with everything else. I would recommend it to very discerning readers not tosser who have no previous knowledge of the topic.

LadyS says

Ok, I know Im an anomaly here given the other ratings but I just could not get into this book like I hoped. I really wanted to like it. I tried desperately

I admit it was interesting to some extent that was why i read at least half of the story but then there were too many times where i found the dialogues pedestrian, forced, sappy and plain insipid. I wanted to throw the book out many times...is this really what the author could Come up with concerning Isaac and his brides romance? Shucks, it was disappointing to the highest degree. Le sigh* I was sad that i hated the book

Dawn says

When her father dies, Rebekah's hope for a husband rests with her brother Laban selecting one for her. Yet as time passes and he does nothing, she wonders if she's meant for something else. The unexpected visitor from Abraham arrives seeking Rebekah for a wife for his master's son Issac. Rebekah departs to marry a cousin she'd never met. As she begins her life as wife to the promised one, she has no idea just how much her life will change. Or how deeply the birth of her own twin sons will tear a rift between Issac and herself. Will Issac forgive her?

The story of Issac and Rebekah is told in the book of Genesis. Yet anytime that I read Biblical fiction, I enjoy getting a glimpse into the details that we aren't told in Scripture. Details are left up to the author's imagination. The author did a good job of describing how life might have been like living in tents and moving from field to field as a community of shepherds. The book helps to give life and breath to Biblical characters that we really only know from what we read in the Bible.

Was the book good? Yes. Did I enjoy it? Yes again. But to be perfectly honest, and this has nothing to do with the author's writing or the story itself, I wasn't in the mood to read this genre once I'd gotten about a fourth of the way finished with the book. So I put the book down for several days and read other things. Even when I picked it up again, I still wasn't in the mood to read it, but I finished. And I'm pleased to say that I did not let my mood hamper my review of the book. I just know that I'll be taking a break from Biblical fiction for a long time.

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Recommended to fans of Biblical fiction.

Rating -4 stars

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Rosie says

Jill Eileen Smith returns with the Biblical tale of Isaac and Rebekah. :-)

I was first entranced by Miss Smith's writing with the first book in this series, Sarai. If I liked Sarai then I loved Rebekah. I read pretty much the whole book in one day. For me, Rebekah totally surpassed Sarai. Sticking close to what is in the Biblical account; Miss Smith leads us through Isaac and Rebekah's early marriage all the way to the infamous impersonation of Esau by Jacob.

Rebekah came right off the page! I connected with her in a way I didn't expect to and thus had a really hard time setting the book down. The writing flowed, the characters felt real, and the ending already makes me excited for Rachel!

I never felt like I understood Isaac until I read this. He went through a tragic yet amazing event as a child and I never thought about how almost being sacrificed would affect him. He was a great husband and father... Well, at least to Esau.

In sum, if you like Biblical fiction you'll love this one! I also highly suggest you read the chapters in Genesis either before or after reading Rebekah. You'll be amazed and how well Miss Smith stuck to the Biblical account. ;-)

I received this book from Revell in return for an honest review of my opinions, thanks!

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Jerry says

Synopsis: We all know the Biblical account of Isaac and Rebekah, but there's a lot of details that God's Word doesn't mention. Why did Rebekah help Esau trick Isaac into blessing him instead of his firstborn, Jacob? What was Rebekah's life like before she met Isaac? Did Isaac ever tell his wife of the time where he was nearly killed as part of a sacrifice? Author Jill Eileen Smith draws back the curtain, and shares an account of the private life of the woman whose name meant "noose."

Review: Though this Biblical historical novel was mildly entertaining, it really wasn't anything special. If you've never read a novel that takes place during Bible times before, I would suggest starting with the Thoenes' *A. D. Chronicles* or Francine Rivers' *Mark of the Lion* trilogy. They're better than *Rebekah*, even though it isn't terrible; it's just middle-of-the-road fare.

Content Concerns: Discussion of breastfeeding babies, death, and violence.

Score: 2.5/5

Gabrielle Meyer says

I love discovering a great new author, and that's exactly what I did when I picked up Jill Eileen Smith's new release, *Rebekah*.

Rebekah is based off the Biblical character in the Book of Genesis, and is the second in *The Wives of the Patriarch Series*. *Rebekah* was the woman chosen by God to be the wife of Isaac, who was the Promised Child. She became the mother of Jacob, the man who would later be called Israel and would be the Father of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

After her father's death, *Rebekah* is left at the mercy of her shrewd brother, Laban. He is responsible for finding *Rebekah* a suitable husband, and she is afraid he will choose the wrong one. When she is finally given in marriage to her cousin, Isaac, *Rebekah* is delighted to find the match God intended.

Rebekah and Isaac fall in love immediately, and revel in each other's nearness. But when their marriage is challenged by the birth of their twin sons, and the prophesy *Rebekah* has been given about them, misunderstanding, betrayal and disappointment follow. *Rebekah* and Isaac are left to wonder if their love for one another will withstand the trial.

What I loved about *Rebekah* is how Jill was able to fill in the blanks within the Biblical account. In the Book of Genesis, we're given the basic details of the real story of *Rebekah*. To bring the story to life, Jill used wonderful cultural details, vivid imagery to capture the setting, pertinent background information to help us understand the motivation of the principle characters and historical context to place us in the hearts and minds of *Rebekah* and Isaac.

This story is rich with secondary characters who play major roles in the telling of the tale. In some books, a large cast of characters can bog down the story, but I appreciated the diverse personalities in *Rebekah* and had no trouble distinguishing who was who.

I enjoyed reading *Rebekah's* story, and I look forward to reading Jill's other Biblical Fiction accounts of the women who played significant roles in the Bible.

Lisa Johnson says

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As of May 2013, I will have been writing one blog for two years; the last 1-1/2 years have been far more fruitful than the first six months. One lesson I have learned is the discipline it takes to read a book, write a review and post the link or review on other sites. Another lesson is the administrating of reviews via email

correspondence and signing up to review books. Above all else, the need to listen to what God may speak as words are put upon “paper” for others to read. Reviewers, bloggers, and others write to share their personal thoughts and opinions of published works. I pray that the blogs encourage readers to read the Bible, the novels, and other works for their enjoyment as well as edification.

Rebekah is the second in a series entitled *Wives of the Patriarchs*; the first novel is titled *Sarai*. One benefit of fiction is being able to imagine what biblical times were like and how life was most certainly different than today. The patriarch series continues with this novel centered on Isaac’s wife, Rebekah, who was sent for by Abraham from his home country where his extended family still lived. Isaac’s life can be read about in Genesis. Please take time to read the biblical account of the real people on which Jill bases her fictional account.

Can you imagine leaving your home, country, friends, family, and customs to marry a man related to you, but one you have never laid eyes on before? We can only imagine what Rebekah must have felt. What about Isaac? I’m sure he was wondering what kind of woman he was receiving. Jill does a magnificent job of putting flesh to people who had experiences that the Bible reveals little of. Being raised in wealth and surrounded by servants, Rebekah worked alongside the women who depended on that work to live day to day. Her servants Deborah and Selima travel with her to her new life, one filled with hope as well as adventure.

The novel follows the lives of Isaac, Rebekah, their sons, and the years from youth to old age. We see Abraham after Sarah’s passing, remarried and with more children, yet much older. We follow Isaac from a young man to becoming the leader of his clan. We see what Ishmael might have been like as an adult as well. There is a flavor of love, trust, faith, learning, and choosing to believe in the God of Abraham or not. All this adds authenticity to the story as people today all over go through life’s stages from birth to death.

Some of the characters speech may seem unusual to readers, like when Rebekah answers Isaac by calling him lord or when the caravan travels back to Abraham on camels and the author describes so vividly the sights and sounds occurring in the scene. While we can only know some details as fact, remember some of the novel is purely fictionalized. The main hope is that you read about the real people and times in the Bible for yourself to catch a glimpse of the God who sees. The God that the patriarchs could know to a certain extent and the One we can know more about today. Enjoy the story told in this published work. It was fun to imagine life back then and the people who lived it.

My rating is 4 stars.

Note: I received a complimentary copy for an honest review of this book. The opinions shared in this review are solely my responsibility. Other reviews can be read at <http://seekingwithallyurheart.blogspot....> Also follow me on Twitter @lcjohnson1988, FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/lisa.johnson...>

Cheryl says

Rebekah witnesses her brother, Laban convince his way into power at her father’s death bed. Laban becomes the man of the household. As time passes Rebekah realizes that Laban has his own greed in mind and not Rebekah’s best interest when it comes to finding her a husband. Laban is holding out until he finds the highest bidder for his sister.

Abraham figures it is time for his son, Isaac to find a wife. Rebekah agrees to marry Isaac. Things are going well in the beginning but as time passes and Rebekah does not bare any children, Isaac and Rebekah start to drift some. That is until Rebekah gives birth to twins.

Rebekah is the second book in the *Wives of Patriarchs* series. You don’t have to read the first book as each

book in this series is focused on a different woman in the Bible.

I had a pleasurable time reading this book. More than I thought I would. I sat down to start reading this book and by the time that I stopped to take a break, I was almost half way down. I started reading this book again while in bed and I made to make myself put it down so that I could get some sleep.

Rebekah is a great woman. The times that she was outspoken were good. However, I can not imagine living back then in this time when the women did not really have a voice. The plus side of living in this time would have been getting to know Abraham and Jesus and knowing you were destined for greatness through the Lord. This book is not preachy; it just tells the story of Rebekah. Jill did a wonderful job bringing Rebekah's story to life.

My Book Addiction and More MBA says

REBEKAH by Jill Eileen Smith is a wonderful inspirational historical romance set 1969 B.C. Book 2 in the "Wives of the Patriarchs", but can be read as a stand alone. See, "Sari". Rebekah, a beautiful woman full of hope and promise, finds heartbreak, betrayal and healing. Follow Rebekah on a journey with many twists and turns. After their twins are born the rift between her and Issac grows larger, misunderstandings and betrayal stronger, and her faith falters. Rebekah has faced much sadness, dangers, and is a fascinating woman to follow. Issac has many qualities, many faults, as we all do, but can he and Rebekah find love and fill the rift between them. If you enjoy fictional as well as biblical characters, historical fiction, and love you will enjoy "Rebekah". Once again, Ms Smith has filled us with love, hope, faith, forgiveness and healing and gave us a glimpse into the lives and times of "Rebekah". A must read! Received for an honest review from the publisher.

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RATING: 4.5

HEAT RATING: SWEET

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Margaret Chind says

Lately I have really been excited about Biblical Fiction especially because of authors such as Mesu Andrews, but also Jill Eileen Smith. Right now, Revell Books is doing an incredible job on these cover images and it's extremely difficult not to just grab it and dive in as these women come right off the page.

Reading the scriptures in the Bible gives each reader a different insight into the individual characters such as Rebekah and Issac. Depending on your background and things that develop in your imagination you can see these "people" differently. For me, whenever I think of Rebekah, I've always thought of the woman that deceived her ailing and elderly husband. She has never had a good light in my mind, although I know she is a special part in Christian history. However, I have never once thought about who she was as a person... before

the moment when she did what she did and encouraged her son Jacob to deceive and steal the birthright of his elder brother by minutes (or whatever the exact older age a twin brother might have could be). Jill, as an author opens the Bible up ever further with wonder and provokes a desire for further reading.

It was Mary Connealy that ever changed my views and reading experience with "bad guy" characters showing how redemption is beyond possible and isn't that even more so true in Bible characters? Rebekah comes onto the fiction-stage of this novel as a young vulnerable woman just trying to find her way and she is perfectly relate-able. I never would have pictured this possible light into her life, but after opening the door it's hard to close it back. It's one more thing that makes me wonder and sit back in awe in the what-ifs and wonder about the women that lived before us. Who knows what their thoughts were in a hard moment and what led them to where they went. It's a story that makes me think.

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