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A novel about Esther of the Old Testament, maiden, friend, wife, counselor, and queen.

Esther Details

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From Reader Review Esther for online ebook

JanieceK says

Fictionally expanded but true to the Biblical version. It was entertaining as well as clarifying some of the rather vague events.

Jacy says

This is my favorite bible story and they made it into a book :) I liked it a lot

Melissa says

A short, fictional narrative based on the story of Esther. It was a fast and engaging read with details of how it might have been for Esther and becoming the Queen. The Bible story will still be my favorite way to learn about her.

Kara says

Does anyone else compare a good book with something good to eat?

For me, a book can have a taste to it. It can be sweet or sour, savory or bitter, as heavy as a seven course meal or insubstantial as cotton candy. This book was light with plenty of romance and exotically, (but safely), foreign, but I wouldn't give it the same candy box and cocktail feeling I assign to a romance novel, and yet, despite the danger the characters are in, it isn't the vitamin rich fruit, vegetables and protein balanced meal of important literature or serious non fiction. I simply enjoyed this book, loving it so much I half wanted to cram the pages in my mouth to savor it.

This version of Esther is like a really good old school re-telling of Beauty and the Beast or The Arabian Nights – the ending a forgone conclusion, the twists and turns of the plot known ahead of time, the characters well known – but the magic of these retellings is in the setting, and Norah Lofts lavishes attention on her setting here.

Lofts excels in letting the reader know the color of every drop of wine poured, the beauty of the jewels adorning every forehead, the smell of the dust and dirt in the back alleys, the taste of the banquets of exotic food, the feel of every piece of fabric, from the rags to the silks, and sound of horses galloping across a desert plain, bearing messages of life and death importance.

And the characters? Stock characters brought to life – not to full three dimensional, but slightly better than cardboard. We see into the hearts of Esther, of Ahasuerus, of Haman, and even Vashti, and we see into the cool, logical mind of Mordecai - the man is an absolute Vulcan with his cold attachment to pure logic. It's an important trait to have in a crisis, so I'm not complaining, mind you, cause he's cool headedness saves the

day, buuuuuut it doesn't exactly make you emphasize with him as he sells out people left and right "for the greater good." Groan.

Lofts delights in showing off the Persian court, wrapping up the who quasi-historical event in the language of fairy tales. So, happy endings for everyone, except the villain, and they all lived happily ever after, (except Hamy)

The Idle Woman says

3.5 stars. Charming, light and amusing: a little amuse-bouche which transforms Persian history and Biblical legend into a smart fairytale. For my full review, please see my blog: <https://theidlewoman.net/2016/10/18/e...>

Meryl says

The story of Queen Esther written as a novel. I know the story from the Bible very well so it was good to read how things were in that land during that time, what clothes and food were available and how parties and households were run. Well written and completely enjoyable.

Kathryn says

Love the Story of Esther

Beautifully written although fictional Nora does justice to the tale of the beloved Esther. A tale of love, courage, and wisdom.

April says

I love this story. One of my favorite Bible stories and Norah Lofts truly does it justice. although a shorter novel it is packed with detail and witty dialogue. I have a couple other books by Norah Lofts and I am looking forward to reading those.

Sarah says

Norah Lofts is one of my favorite authors and this little gem that I've wanted to read for a long time and is now available digitally on Kindle Unlimited didn't disappoint. If it had been 200 pages longer I might have given it 5 stars, as it is it probably deserves 5 stars anyway, but I don't like to hand them out too freely and make the rating meaningless. (I really like to read a book at least twice before I give it 5 stars).

Esther is one of those Bible stories that leaves you with mixed feelings (name one that doesn't) you're glad to have the spotlight on a woman for a change, but it almost makes things worse. Do we really need a story about a woman whose one talent and virtue was her beauty? Some may argue, "well in the Hebrew blah blah blah." Whatever. So something got lost in translation -- that's the point, of all the things that could have been said about her by the time 2015 rolls around her looks are all that has survived. Esther was the most beautiful woman in an empire that extended halfway across the globe? Not buying it.

Lofts develops some believable three-dimensional characters that seem true to their time and place. Vashti becomes fascinating and admirable, Esther more than just a pretty face and Artaxerxes more than just a title. It is a fast read that feels a bit like a play and leaves you with plenty to think about afterwards. This is a book you definitely want hanging around the house for your kids to pick up one boring day and discover the richness of the ancient world and the still persistent imbalances in male/female relations.

Catherine Douglas says

Another great story by Norah Lofts

I love novels that bring history to life. Norah Lofts does this remarkably. I feel that I now know Esther as I never did before. Excellent story!
