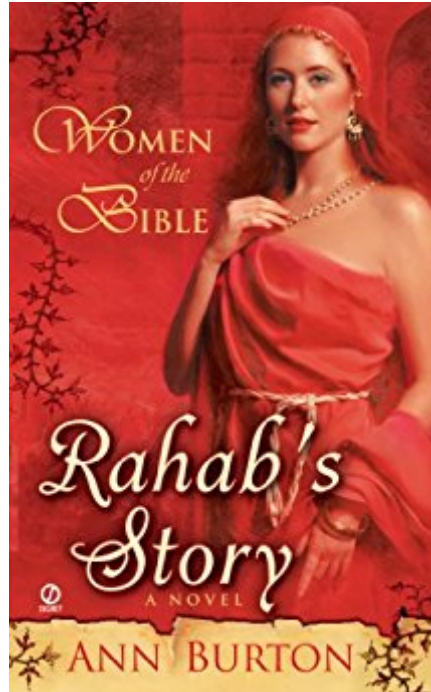


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Ann Burton writes this novel about Rahab, one of the lesser mentioned heroines of the Bible, as it might have happened. Rahab is the daughter of a rugseller, and her mother was a secret Israelite, Jezere. Rahab secretly cherishes her mother's Judaism, that she taught her, together with her little sister, Tezi. But Rahab is driven from her home, by the evil stepmother, Helzbah, on false charges. She must try to survive on the merciless streets of Jericho, and must become a prostitute, in The House of Palms, in order to survive. Here we learn about the other prostitutes who live here, all of whom have had hard and brutal lives, and we come to understand something of their plight. Rahab always keeps her faith alive in the G-D of Israel, in a city where the worship of the Death god Moloch, and the cruel mass sacrifice of children is the order of the day. She must always hide the fact that she is an Israelite, due to the deep hatred of Jews by the Canaanite population. When she comes across two Jewish spies, for Joshua, her life is changed, as it

were. Here she must take her role in the destiny of the reclaiming of the Nation of Israel of their ancient land. Some things clash with different interpretations of the Biblical account, for example here she marries Salme, whereas in some Jewish accounts she marries Joshua himself. Also an interesting touch is, how the other prostitutes in the House of Palms, are saved as her family, together with her father and sister. The essence of the novel remains true however to the basic spirit of the Biblical account.

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