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From Reader Review The Song of Ruth for online ebook

Phylisha Stone says

This story of love and devotion about Ruth, one of the bibles most beautiful, steadfast heroines and Boaz the General of the Isrealite army.

Ridovhusanae says

classic love story. this mans combination of fact and fiction is amazing.

Leila says

Somehow I just couldn't get into this book although the author many years ago was one of my favourites. Not any more. I guess my tastes have changed.

JanieceK says

Very interesting fictional account of the events in the Book of Ruth. Seems to be well researched on the Law and the customs of the time.

Mary says

Very well written. I understand that it is not real accurate, but it is a wonderful love story. The heroine is just about a perfect person, which is a little over the top sometimes, but I still enjoyed it.

Lenee says

Not really the story of Ruth. Not a bad work of fiction, not a great one. A very middling work of fiction with interesting characters, lots of intrigue and a happy ending. Just not the story from the Bible. A quick weekend read.

Richard Rogers says

(I read the Spanish translation--"La Canción de Ruth." Not a great translation, but very readable.)

I enjoyed *reading* this book, which is why I give it 3 stars. However, it wasn't a very *good* book, which is

why I don't want to score it any higher.

Much of the novel was fun to read, like a romance/action adventure. The characters were pretty good, and although it is a story from the Bible it was not written in a devotional way, so that the bits of religion didn't feel too cloying. However, it had flaws that were impossible to ignore, even reading for fun.

Many of the plot points were not believable, and felt like blind spots in the author's research. It has the kind of flaw that drives me crazy in fiction, relating to errors in scale and size. Sometimes, two points are treated as close, as if they are just a short walk apart, and other times they are days between. Sometimes, the Israelites feel like a community of a couple hundred who all know each other, and then they are treated like a nation of tens of thousands. A related error is the way the author has the characters handling weapons, which he did not write about with much authority. I think he was guessing.

In other words--using a term that might or might not have been current in the 50s when it was written--the author has done a poor job of world-building. Too much was implausible. Honestly, it felt a lot like a 50s-era Hollywood set standing in for the Middle East. That impression is intensified by the fact that Ruth, a Semitic woman of 3000 years ago, has red hair, as if she is played by a European actress. Perhaps I would have enjoyed it better if I had imagined it like a sword and sandal epic, with Tony Curtis as Boaz and Sophia Loren as Ruth. Yeah, that's better.

Or better still, imagine it with William Shatner and some green lady on a red planet. Then I can forgive the cheap Paramount sets. :)

Linda says

Speculates that Boaz knew Ruth earlier in her life. Interesting suppositions on how the Naomi family fared in Moab before coming back to Israel.

Heather says

Always enjoy fictional history. Love how the story of Ruth just popped for me and love the love story.

Great read - easy to follow and good story line.

Karen says

Nice account of the story of Ruth and Naomi. Probably more fiction than fact, but I enjoy historical fiction as it often gives "legs" to the more sparse Biblical accounts, and makes me consider more deeply what life would have been like for the people living at that time. In particular, for Ruth, from the hated Moabite race, joining Israel.

Ruth says

Most definitely one of the most beautiful love stories ever.

Jeni says

This was a enjoyable & quick read. It's a story of Ruth & Naomi in the Bible. Obviously the story is fictional, but I'm not sure how accurate it is in regards to the historical background at the time & the cultural expectations. However, it brings to life the characters. It's good in the sense that it makes the story alive in your mind, but it could be bad in the sense that it gives you preconceived notions about the characters in the story. So be sure to separate that in your mind before reading the Bible story again!
