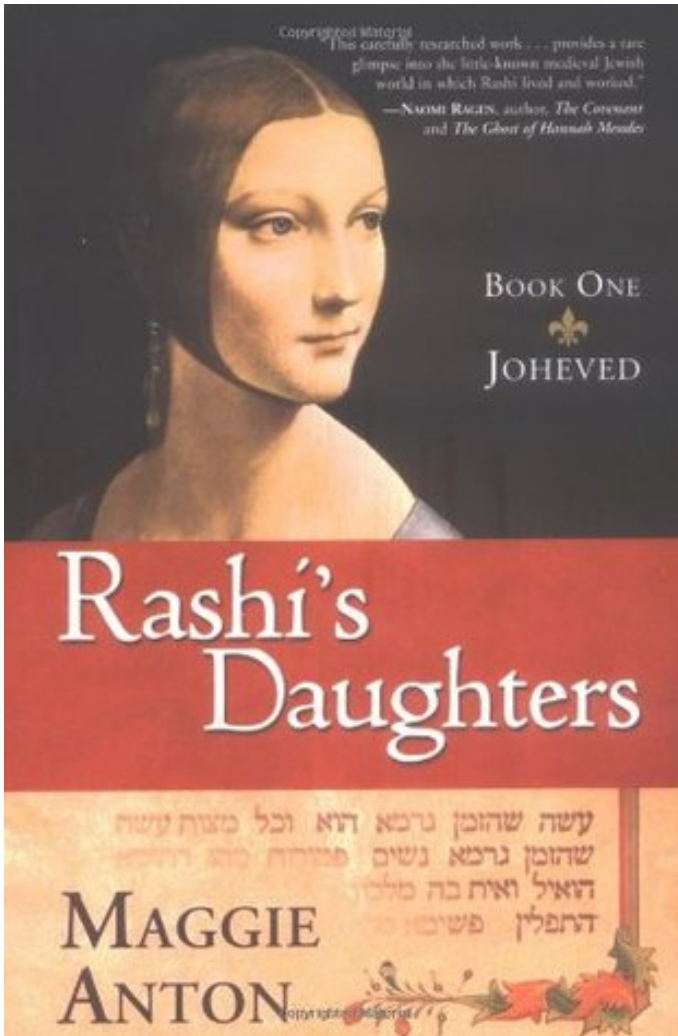

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Description

Rashi, one of the greatest Jewish scholars who ever lived, had no sons, only three daughters. Much has been written about Rashi and his grandsons, the Tosafot, but almost nothing of his daughters. Legend has it that they were learned in a time when women were forbidden to study the sacred texts. Rashi's Daughters tells the story of these forgotten women.

Insightful reviews

Lisaleh: Very interesting and enjoyable read. I liked reading about the superstitions and customs of the Jewish community during this period. Seemed well researched. Will read the rest of the series.

Jon-Erik: I don't read a lot of fiction books because they often fail to cast their spell on me. There are some books that are just impossible to read, and others that are pleasant reading but I can almost tell you exactly why the author did everything they did. This falls into the latter category. This book is more or less a formula copy of the Red Tent set in a less heroic, darker, and more obscure era of Jewish history.

Diamant at least cast her spell. I felt like I knew Dinah. A quick check of the presumptuous reading group study questions in the back tell you all you need to know about this book. We're going to learn about an important historical Jewish female living in an era of relative tolerance between Christians and Jews. She is going to try and color in the lines with the characters while we learn a little bit about the place and time. Having said that, some of what appears to be purporting to be historical strikes me as inauthentic, particularly the fact that Rashi's family's Jewishness seems just the same as 19th and 20th century Ashkenazi.

Don't get me wrong. Anton obviously did meticulous research about Rashi's era, but the characters are unconflicted and we are told far more than we are shown about any of them.

You'd be better off reading a non-fiction biography of Rashi.

Ann: This book about the eldest daughter of the great Talmudic sage Rashi had such great reviews, I expected more. It was enjoyable and had interesting, even fascinating, information on medieval Jewish life; but it was, I thought, clumsily written. And what was with the sex scenes? I mean, I like a good reasonably explicit sex scene as much as the next person, and I'm sure that medieval Jewish folks liked their sex, but those scenes felt really out of place, as though they were dropped in just for the prurient interest. They were also among the worst-written in the book. (I had to check to make sure that Fabio wasn't on the cover ...) I was also disconcerted by the author's afterword in which she breezily acknowledged making up certain characters and facts because "it's fiction and I can write what I want." Well, sure you can, but I thought this was supposed to be about the real person who was Rashi's eldest daughter; I would have liked to know at the start the extent to which the book was a work of pure fiction. So will I read the rest of the series, about Rashi's other two daughters? Despite all my quarrels and quibbles, I might - medieval Jewry is fascinating. But if I do read the others, I won't buy them the way I bought this

one, not even to support my local Jewish bookstore. This just wasn't a good enough book.

Judy: Jewish background and traditions have constantly involved me; so this publication was once correct up my alley. it's approximately Salomon Ben Isaac, referred to now as Rashi. He lived approximately 1068 in France. He was once a pupil who left his reports to take over the family members winemaking business. Rashi was once the 1st student to jot down a statement at the Talmud, and is the famous authority at the Talmud. throughout the interval while he lived the Jews and Christians have been at peace, every one group dwelling commonly to themselves apart from a few trade. That used to be fascinating to me simply because i have regularly considered the Jews as endlessly tormented for his or her beliefs. simply because Salomon has purely daughters, he has the same opinion to coach them the Talmud although it is considered forbidden to females. This publication One: Joheved is usually approximately her, his oldest daughter and a little bit bargains with Miriam, the marginally younger, who reviews also. The reader learns loads a couple of Jewish household, birthing of babies, marriage customs or even how the Jewish procedure the wedding bed. there's additionally greatly approximately care of a winery and winemaking. the full Jewish family is administered through the Jewish 12 months and assorted holy days. i actually loved the book. it's relatively readable. Maggie Anton brings those Jewish daughters to lifestyles and makes background live.

Pmandell: either one of those books (Rashi's Daughters, publication I & booklet II) are wonderful and notion provoking. all through either books are many quotations from the Torah and diverse reviews at the quotations, together with Rashi's. i discovered this beneficial as i've got usually puzzled in regards to the resource of these studied today. one other point of those books that I loved was once the reason of the various superstitions that we discover in our present cultures. even though I needed to cease occasionally to determine which components of the novels have been actually old and which have been fictional, i discovered either challenging to place down. I instantly went trying to find the booklet in regards to the third daughter (Rachel) however it usually are not published till August 25th. So....stay tuned!

Julia: did not like this one up to i assumed I would. i presumed the fashion of writing used to be type of annoying. i cannot particularly positioned my finger on it. i will most likely learn the remainder of the sequence though. It used to be enjoyable enough. fascinating to profit approximately Jewish traditions as well. Okay so an update. i stopped this one and that i simply do not believe i will learn the other's within the series. The precis of the plot at the again of the ebook makes you're thinking that will probably be all approximately how Joheved goes to struggle for her correct to profit the Talmud or selected her husband. Umm, no. Her husband is simply positive with it and it isn't like she fairly has to conceal it from anyone. So i presumed that used to be type of dumb. Plus the writer focuses manner an excessive amount of at the sexual dating among Joheved and her husband. Makes it into extra of a romance novel and the type I remain away from.

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