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Unashamed: Rahab, Book 2



Synopsis

Book Two in the Lineage of Grace series by best-selling author Francine Rivers. In her trademark style, Francine tells the compelling story of Rahab from the book of Joshua. Readers will gain a fresh understanding of God's work through the life of this unlikely woman in the lineage of Christ.

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Customer Reviews

This is truly a marvelous read. As with her first book, Ms. Rivers has once again brought to life a woman, who by her faith and courage shows us, as women of today, how to live for God. Joshua 6:25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel [even] unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.=====Hebrews 11:6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.=====When I finished reading this book, my thoughts were of how God is no respecter of person. All you need is to believe and have a willing heart to serve Him. Rehab was a prostitute, residing in Jericho who was chosen by God to be a help to His people, the Israelites. She not only believed and accepted the God of Israel as her God, but her faith was such that she trusted him to keep her and her family from harm even in the midst of all that was going on around her. I can understand her "bullying" her family. Even today when a member of a household is 'Saved'; their only desire is to share and show what God has done for them and like Rehab's family, no matter how much they may see the marvelous workings

of God around them, they just continue to hold fast to their 'idols' of man's making. The love story is a small part of a small book, yet I think the love story is more about Rehab and God Himself. By her actions, she is changing because of her trust and faith in Him. The romance with Salmon is well done for the time frame that it's placed in.

About three weeks ago one of my own readers recommended Francine Rivers to me, and the first book I happened to pick up was *The Sin-Eater*. I felt like Keats when he first read Homer, "upon a peak in Darien." The last time I was this excited over a writer was when I discovered C.S. Lewis almost forty years ago. We don't have to wait any longer for the "great American novel;" Mrs. Rivers has written it, and it is titled *The Sin-Eater*. Next I read the Mark of the Lion series, and they were as good. *Redeeming Love* was not quite perfect, but almost. The first book of her new series, *Unveiled*, is also outstanding. These books are in a class by themselves; in comparison, everything else out there in the Christian fiction category is mere fluff. But (like other great writers,) she can be uneven. *The Shoe-Box* was nothing like her other books. It is something like a MacDonald fairy tale, but even MacDonald doesn't succeed all the time. I was really disappointed in *Unashamed*. Unlike Tamar in *Unveiled*, Rahab failed to win my sympathy; she could have demonstrated great faith without bullying her family. Salmon was a very shallow character also. Many of the details were unrealistic, Rahab hanging on to the rope for instance. Even the miracles were handled badly, the tramping feet of the Israelites receiving partial credit for Jericho's fall. My major criticism is what was left out. What happened to Cabul? He just disappears from the story, and he is not the sort of man to quietly disappear. When he returns from his fruitless search there are two possibilities: either he is suspicious of Rahab and brings accusations against her which we can watch her try to squirm out of (my choice,) or else he is unsuspecting and tries to resume his relationship with her.

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