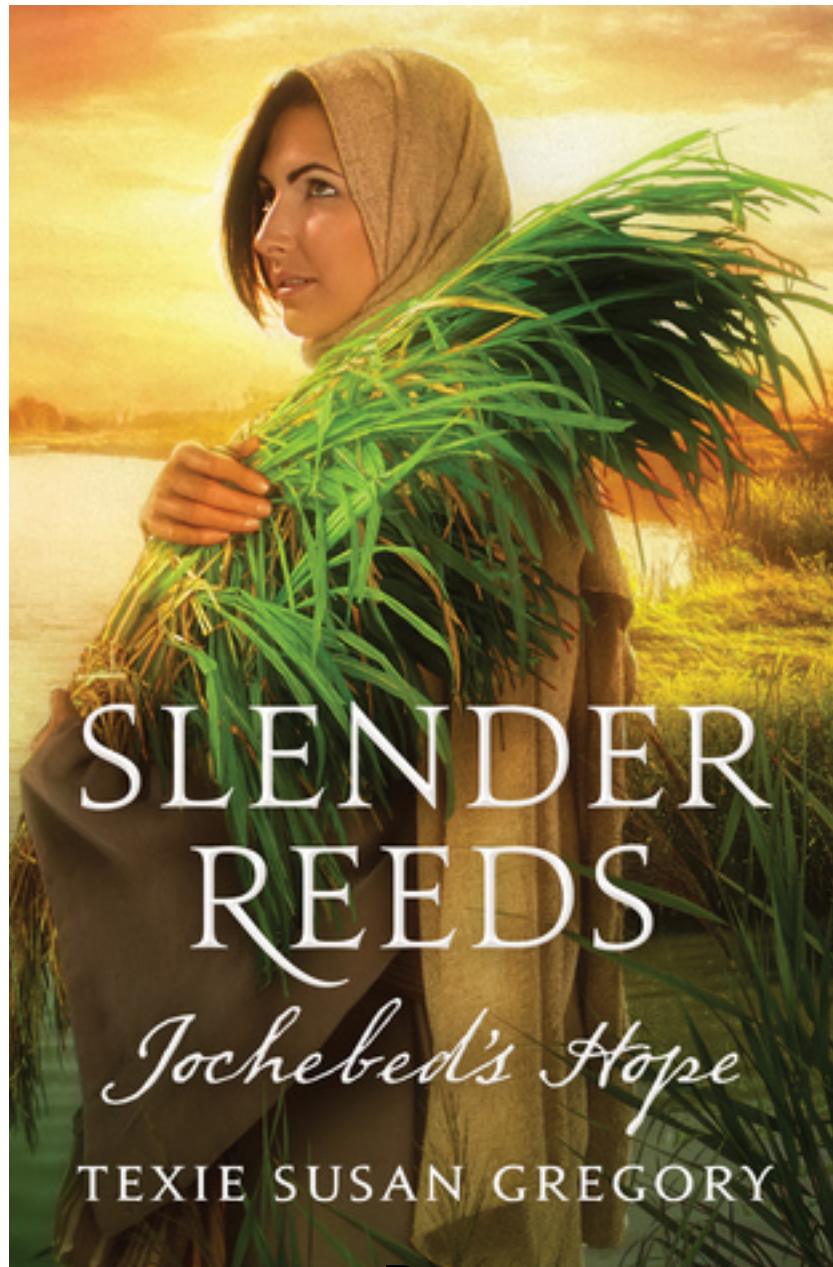


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I was somewhat chagrined at the beginning. The story basically starts where Jochebed has entered Biblical womanhood. The details of the change in her body was a strange way to begin a book, and while I didn't mind reading it too much I still want to give a heads up to others.

Considering how the book began, the romance was really low key in this. The most romance was in the Pharaoh's POV, but even then it wasn't an issue. After Jochebed marry's there is barely any hint of romance with she and her husband. That didn't bother me, but what did was the fact of how little they are together in the book and how little he seems to be involved. It seems like there was a point that their marriage wasn't good, and then later it isn't referred to again. I liked her husband, the little I did see of him, so that disappointed me.

What I didn't like the most was how some of the scenes flowed. Most of the book was okay, but every so often there was some disjointed parts that confused me. It was neat seeing the Pharaoh's thinking of different things, but most of his scenes were the same thing repeated over and over again.

My favorite part of this book was the last 1/4 when Moses is put in the weeds. I pictured things slightly different with that-especially concerning the absence of Amram-but I loved how Jochebed had to realize that God sometimes asks us to do hard things.

If you like Biblical fiction, then I'd recommend this. Of course a lot of it is debatable :)

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Andrea Cox

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I really wanted to enjoy this book more than I did, but I'm hoping it was just me and that this book will find a better audience with other readers. Biblical fiction is not my favorite genre, but I always give these books an open-minded approach when reading them. It's interesting to learn what it might have been like to live in biblical times, and I appreciate the time and effort the authors put in to creating that glimpse into the past.

I received an electronic copy of this book from Netgalley. This is my honest review.

Jeanie

What kind of faith does it take for a mother to send her infant son down the Nile with danger lurking everywhere? The danger of croc's, snakes and the Egyptians themselves. Jochebed, the mother of Moses had that kind of faith. This historical account gives the reader context of what life was like for the Jewish families under bondage and the superstitions of the Pharaoh of Egypt.

It brings in a character Shiprah that is parallel to Jochebed. Shiprah is a wet nurse that is part Jewish and Egyptian. Her life is tied to Jochebed's family that brings a connection on how the Lord works good things for those that love Him. Each of these women suffer insecurities that help them deepen their faith in who God is and their purpose for His will.

There are lessons for us to learn from the faith of Jochebed and how those lessons connect us to the love of the father. Where we can learn to trust without knowing all the answers. When we question is God really at work in the darkness.

Rebekah Gyger

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On the other hand, Jochebed's lack of a romance leaves Pharaoh (you know, murderer of Hebrew children) with a far better love story. Amram is virtually ignored in this story of Moses' humble origins, which disappointed me as I would have loved to see how all of this affected him. Instead, friendship was the main relational conflict of the novel, one which unfortunately seemed to repeat the same pattern.

Gregory's depiction of Hebrew slavery is likely a very honest one. While the full extent of their suffering is not detailed in the Bible, it is none the less known that the people suffered greatly. However, there were things I think could have been written better and I wish Amram had played a larger role. I would keep that in mind when deciding whether or not to read this.

I have provided an honest review after I received an ecopy of this book through Netgalley.

Regina

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