



***After Abel and Other Stories* by Michal Lemberger**

Vividly reimagined with startling contemporary clarity, this debut collection of short stories gives voice to silent, oft-marginalized biblical women: their ambitions, their love for their children, their values, their tremendous struggles and challenges.

**FURTHER READING:**

***The Torah: A Women's Commentary* edited by Tamara Cohn Eskenazi,**

***Warrior, Dancer, Seductress, Queen: Women in Judges and Biblical Israel* by Susan Ackerman**

Details and analyzes the biblical woman--such as Deborah, Delilah, and Jael--profiled in the book of Judges who relied on their intellect, courage, feminine wiles, strength, and guile on both the battlefield and at home, and illustrates the recurrence of these types of women throughout history.

***Miriam's Well: Stories about Women in the Bible* edited by Alice Bach**

A retelling of bible stories focusing on women including Naomi and Ruth, Miriam, Hagar, Judith, Esther, and others.

***Out of the Garden: Women Writers on the Bible* edited by Christina Buchmann**

Drawing on their own experiences and interests, Louise Erdrich, Cynthia Ozick, Fay Weldon, Phyllis Triple, Rebecca Goldstein, June Jordan, Ursula Le Guin, and twenty-one other writers boldly imaginatively--and sometimes reproachfully--address the stories in the Bible, characters, and poetry that mean the most to them.

***The Five Books of Miriam: The First Torah Commentary from a Woman's Point of View* by Ellen Frankel**

Paralleling the Torah's traditional division, each section of a new biblical commentary is divided into a summary of the weekly reading and includes a response written from the female perspective and told through the voices of biblical women.

***Reading the Women of the Bible: A New Interpretation of their Stories* by Tikva Frymer-Kensky**

This study of the women of the Bible includes coverage of such figures as Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel and describes how their lives serve as examples of women as victors, victims, brides and wives, and the voice of God.

***And Hannah Wept: Infertility, Adoption, and the Jewish Couple* by Michael Gold**

***The Women's Torah Commentary: New Insights from Women Rabbis on the 54 Weekly Torah Portions* by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**

Here, for the first time, women's unique experiences and perspectives are applied to the entire Five Books of Moses, offering all of us a comprehensive commentary by women across all

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***Listen To Her Voice: Women of the Hebrew Bible by Miki Raver***

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