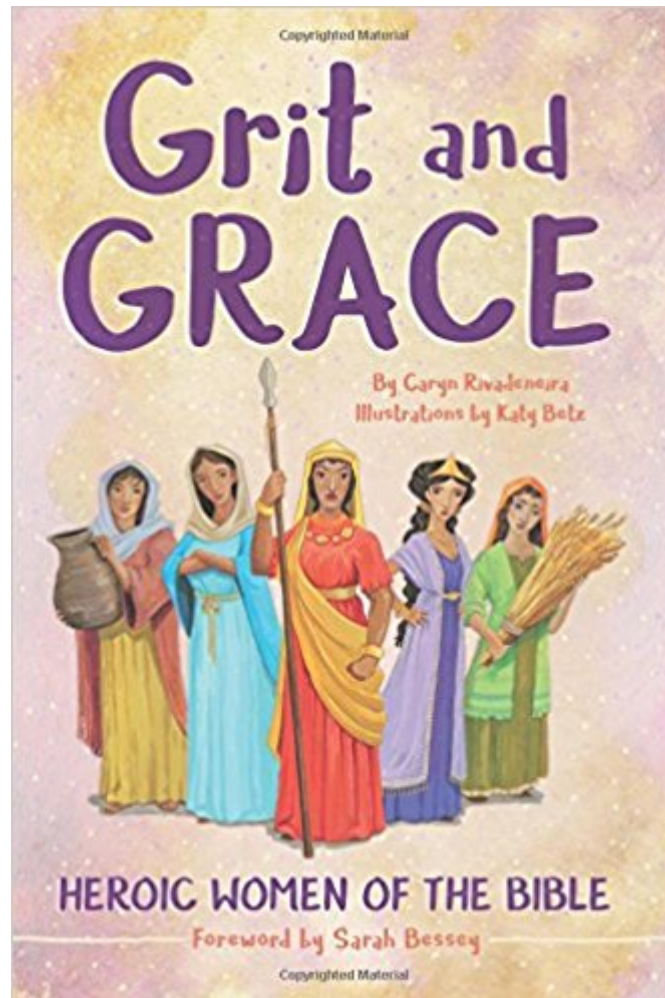




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Grit And Grace: Heroic Women Of The Bible



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Caryn Rivadeneira is the author of seven books. Caryn is a regular contributor to CT Women's blog (formerly Her.meneutics) and Aletheia's For Her. When not writing, you can find Caryn at church, where she works part-time, or hanging out with her husband, Rafael, their three kids, and their beloved rescued pit bull. Katy Betz is a children's book illustrator and professor in the Illustration department at Ringling College of Art & Design in Sarasota, Florida. She takes inspiration from her travels and the great outdoors - especially the mountains.

Two of the best gifts we can give our daughters: heroic role models and permission to ask tough

questions. Grit & Grace offers both to young readers. I was delighted to review an advance copy of this book, but plan to buy several copies to give as gifts. I loved this from the introduction: "My favorite thing about the Bible is that God gave it to us to be wrestled with and wondered about." Why didn't someone tell me that as a young girl with a LOT of questions? I grew up in a tradition that valued accepting Jesus, and accepting the Bible as true, not something to be questioned. It also valued patriarchy, so the "Bible stories" I learned were of Abraham, Noah, Joshua, Joseph, Jacob. I didn't hear about Sarah, Deborah, Hagar, and other women in the Bible, their courage, leadership, strength--so I'm glad this book boldly tells their stories, in a compelling, well-crafted way. I wish this book had been around when I was a girl--but I'm glad it's here now. Love the various angles the author takes with the stories of heroic women of the Bible, and the questions that follow each chapter are thought-provoking and encourage critical thinking, not rote answers. I'd highly recommend this book not only for girls but for boys as well, so that they learn that the heroes of the faith are both men and women, young and old, rich and poor. This would make a great book to read for family devotions, because of the excellent discussion questions that follow each short chapter.

True Grit is Mattie Ross is one of my favorite female characters; so I was intrigued, especially in a book about Biblical heroines, when the author used the word grit first, then grace. I purchased it for my granddaughters, and yet as well written children's book go, this is not just for girls but meant to empower the women (and men) reading it with their girls.. First impression, this is unlike the version I heard in Sunday school or for that matter the one I was taught in women's bible studies. It caused me to thumb through the bible to look more closely at always a good thing. I have a thing for first sentences and Rivadeneira does not disappoint. Here are a few: The chapter about Leah begins, "We have a complicated family." I burst out laughing. The Rahab chapter (certainly tricky to maneuver), "My house was a good place to hide." Understatement of the year! And finally, in the one on my favorite biblical sister duo, Martha says about Mary, "Ugh. My sister is driving me nuts. Again." I realize that is three sentences, but it succinctly helps readers to de-saint Mary a bit and instead tells the true story of an annoying little sister. Finally, I loved that Rivadeneira calls girls (and the adults reading with them) to be curious and ask questions about the women of the bible. When I read it to my granddaughters, I want them to see that they can be the grace-filled and yet gutsy girls God meant them to be.

In the pages of this book, young readers will find real-life superheroes - brave women who met the challenges they encountered with creativity, honesty, and trust in God. Author Caryn Rivadeneira brings women like Hagar, Leah, and Esther to life with her lively, relatable storytelling skill. The book introduces readers to women who have met the same kinds of problems faced by modern girls (and boys!), and will inspire them to take on the challenges they face in their own lives with both grit and grace. Highly recommended!

I read this book in my (lay, volunteer) role as spiritual formation director at our church. I thought I would skim through just to give it a thumbs up or thumbs down but instead I read it cover to cover in one sitting. I loved the way Rivadeneira used solid scholarship as a foundation for her imagination to fill in details about these women in the Bible. I also loved the different approaches each chapter takes with drama and storytelling taking turns. I even teared up at her description of Mary at the cross. I have recommended this book for the tweens at our church as a way to get them into the Bible and provide some fodder for discussion. And I should add that although this book is about women of the Bible, our 9-year-old son also really loved it. Highly recommend. (I received a free copy of this book but I also bought three more copies because I want to give it away to friends...)

This is such a creative exploration of girls and women in the Bible who are, too often, invisible to us. Love it!

Loved having women highlighted in the bible! Great book!

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