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Editorial Review

Review
"Poet and biblical scholar Elisabeth Greene has done the nearly impossible in her portrayals of women in scripture, virtually bringing them alive and letting us hear their unique voices by skillfully turning her scholarship into beautiful poetry." -*Christian Feminism Today*

"In *Lady Midrash*, Greene uses sound scholarship, attentiveness to details, creativity, and imagination to listen to women who are in the Bible but who have mostly been lost to us."
-From the foreword by Kendra Weddle Irons

"...Greene simultaneously upholds the importance of the scriptural stories in continuing to offer meaning to spiritual seekers today, as well as a willingness to question, dig deep, seek after and find God, and grow in one's faith through tenacity, hope, creativity, birth, prophecy, grace, wisdom, and friendship. By bringing these women's stories to life, we are better able to see ourselves represented in the text, in all our failures and successes, loves and broken heartedness: in short, in all the glory and tragedy that makes us human."
- Cherice Bock

From the Back Cover
"With creative imagination and careful scholarship, Elisabeth Mehl Greene reclaims the sacred value of biblical women. These compelling narrative poems give honor to the cursed, voice to the voiceless, names to the nameless, agency to the powerless, recognition to marginalized females and the Female Divine thereby affirming all women in the image of Divine Wisdom.The enlightening foreword, introduction, and end notes also make *Lady Midrash* ideal for church study groups, academic classes, and personal exploration." -Jann Aldredge-Clanton, Chaplain; Teacher; Author of *Seeking Wisdom: Inclusive Blessings and Prayers for Public Occasions* and *Inclusive Hymns for Liberating Christians*

"In this accessible collection, Greene gives voices to women in the Bible who have been silenced for too long. Greene's well-informed poems bear witness to the ways women have contributed to God's grand story, while also challenging readers to see the Bible in all its complexities. Reading these poems has deepened my appreciation for scripture and for the women whose lives are inscribed there." -Melanie Springer Mock, Professor, Department of English, George Fox University

"In *Lady Midrash*, Greene has written a series of poems that pique the reader's imagination and encourage us to learn and imagine more about women in the Bible. For study groups, these poems will stimulate spirited discussions and sacred contemplation as Dr. Greene's creativity and imagination open up the reader to new facets of well-known stories." -Carol Blythe, Alliance of Baptists

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Elisabeth Mehl Greene is a writer and composer working in the Washington DC area. She is a visiting researcher at the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. Greene received her doctorate from the University of Maryland. *Lady Midrash* is her first book.

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