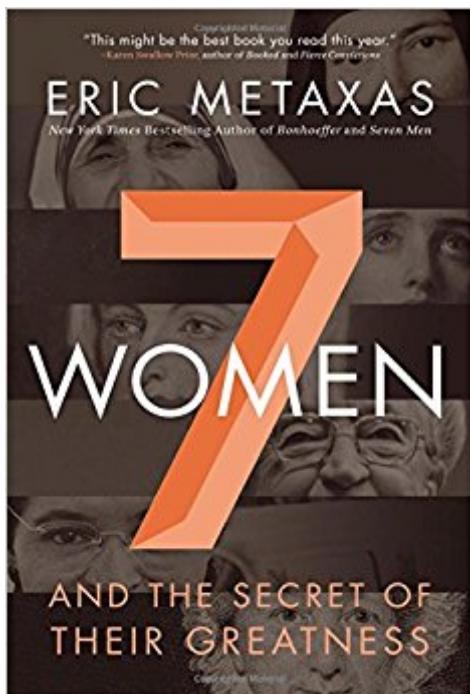


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Seven Women: And The Secret Of Their Greatness



Synopsis

In his eagerly anticipated follow-up to the enormously successful *Seven Men*, New York Times best-selling author Eric Metaxas gives us seven captivating portraits of some of history's greatest women, each of whom changed the course of history by following God's call upon their lives. As women. Each of the world-changing figures who stride across these pages—Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Maria Skobtsova, Corrie ten Boom, Mother Teresa, and Rosa Parks—is an exemplary model of true womanhood. Teenaged Joan of Arc followed God's call and liberated her country, dying a heroic martyr's death. Susanna Wesley had nineteen children and gave the world its most significant evangelist and its greatest hymn-writer, her sons John and Charles. Corrie ten Boom, arrested for hiding Dutch Jews from the Nazis, survived the horrors of a concentration camp to astonish the world by forgiving her tormentors. And Rosa Parks' deep sense of justice and unshakeable dignity and faith helped launch the twentieth-century's greatest social movement. Writing in his trademark conversational and engaging style, Eric Metaxas reveals how the other extraordinary women in this book achieved their greatness, inspiring readers to lives shaped by the truth of the gospel.

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Customer Reviews

I've become a huge fan of Eric Metaxas in the last few years, starting from when a friend introduced me to *Socrates in the City*, a forum he hosts in New York City (which I highly recommend you Google if you're a Manhattanite and need an oasis from liberal minds that are anything but liberal and the intolerance of the tolerant). Little did I know that I'd crossed paths with Metaxas's work

many times before, from his work on VeggieTales to his biographies on William Wilberforce and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Most recently he's started a new podcast from high atop the Empire State Building, the proverbial belly of the beast which I listen to religiously (no pun intended). To appreciate Metaxas's work I'd suggest you attend a few sessions of Socrates or listen to his podcast. What I appreciate most about his work is that it's incredibly approachable. While other authors of biographies tend to try to outdo each other as far as how esoteric and erudite they can sound, Metaxas takes the novel approach of actually being readable. As I did with his Seven Men book, I'd categorize this book as a modern-day sequel to Hebrews 11. Just as the author of Hebrews listed out great heroes of faith, Metaxas recounts modern day heroes of faith and gives us condensed biographies of their lives that, while short, still feel remarkably comprehensive. The women highlighted here include Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Maria Skobtsova, Corrie ten Boom, Mother Teresa, and Rosa Parks. As I find with a lot of Metaxas's work, once I started reading the accounts it was hard to put them down.

I took this read down to the beach last week. I stayed up one night until 2 a.m. to finish it. It was good. It is the follow up to Eric's 7 Men which I thought was exceptional. This book was more so to me. Perhaps I could better relate to its characters or because it spoke clearly into things I am processing right now. I would go so far as to tell you that it is life changing. First there is Joan of Arc. I honestly have no idea what to think of her and her chatting with dead people, but she was courageous and followed whole heartedly what she firmly believed God was telling her to do. The crazy things she stated came to pass. She never wavered in her commitment and was willing to challenge even the highest in authority in her kingdom face to face to do what compelled her. I had never read anything about Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles. She was quite the intelligent woman and well read. She taught all of her children to read and educated them in the gospel with great passion. Their story took some crazy turns. Her husband left her for a year over a political disagreement and then returned. They also had a strange demonic force of sorts that tormented them for a period of three months. It is documented in her letters to her boys who were at college. Beyond that, it leaves you with the feeling that what we are doing with our children is of the utmost importance. I loved her upon reading her story. Hannah More was one of my favorite of the women. She was witty and smart. Hannah started a movement in her day that reached out to the poor and offered them education. It was called Sunday School, but it was more than what we think of today. It taught all the tenants of education to the poor who could not attend regular school due to needing to work.

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