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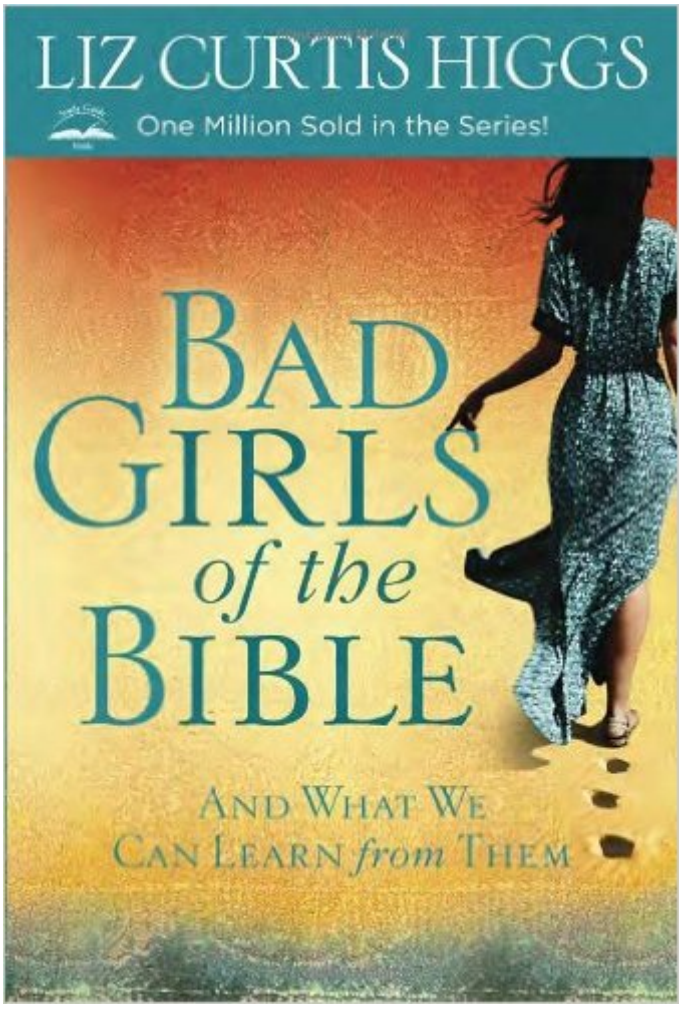
Bad Girls Of The Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them



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Synopsis

â œPopular storyteller Higgs takes a look at the vamps and tramps of the Bible, searching for the lessons these wicked women have to teach. Higgs retells these biblical stories with rollicking humor and deep insight as she teaches about the nature of sin and goodness.â •â ”Publishers WeeklyÂ Ten of the Bibleâ ™s best-known femmes fatales parade across the pages of Bad Girls of the Bible with situations that sound oh-so-familiar.Eve had food issues. Potipharâ ™s Wife and Delilah had man trouble. Lotâ ™s Wife and Michal couldnâ ™t let go of the past, Sapphira couldnâ ™t let go of money, and Jezebel couldnâ ™t let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well had her thirst quenched at last, while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind.Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Let these Bad Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun!Â â œWhen she was perfect, beautiful, and innocent, I found no toehold where I could connect with Eve. When she was tempted by her flesh, humbled by her sin, and redeemed by her God, I could sing out, â ˆOh, sister Eve! Can we talk?â ™â •â ”from Bad Girls of the BibleÂ Includes Discussion Questions and Study GuideÂ A Novel Approach to Bible StudyMore than one million readers have already taken a walk on the wild side with Former Bad Girl Liz Curtis Higgs and her eye-opening blend of contemporary fiction and biblical commentary. Laced with humor, solid research, and heartfelt self-disclosure, Lizâ ™s unique brand of girlfriend theology has helped women of all ages experience Godâ ™s grace anew.

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Customer Reviews

Just by reading the title and looking at the great cover photograph of Liz Curtis Higgs peering out

from behind a black veil, I knew immediately this wasn't your average "Christian book." And you know what, I was right. But in my opinion, this book is more "Christian" than most other Christian books out there today. Why? Because it teaches forgiveness and redemption, no matter WHAT your background or experiences in life. After all, wasn't that Jesus' core message?Liz Curtis Higgs isn't your average Christian author--she freely admits her sordid past filled with promiscuity, drug use, and abusive relationships. She frequently uses her own stories to illustrate the points made in her book. She used to be a radio jockey whose show was so racy it made Howard Stern tell her to "clean up her act." But then Liz found the healing and redemptive powers of God's love, and it's this message which drives "Bad Girls of the Bible." Her non-judgmental and forgiving attitude will make any "bad girl" feel welcome. Most Christian authors today often come off as "holier-than-thou" with no clue about anything outside their own Christian sphere of influence. No matter what you've done, Liz has probably been there and done that, too.Liz uses examples of "bad girls" from the Old and New Testaments to show how bad actions can affect our lives, and how we can be healed and forgiven by God. The stories are told with Liz's trademark wit and humor, which makes the book a rather entertaining read. She breaks down the stories verse-by-verse and makes amusing and insightful commentary on each. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to enjoy the book--Liz breaks everything down into bit-sized, easy-to-swallow pieces for your reading enjoyment!I would recommend this book to any woman out there, whether you're a "lapsed Christian" or just need a change of pace from the usual conservative Christian fodder that's out there. Liz calls herself an "encourager", and she really is.

I bought this book more than a year before I read it. It sat on my shelf gathering dust until I finally found the courage to actually read it. Once I started, I couldn't stop. I read it for two days straight, grabbing it every chance I could.Liz has a wonderful, down-to-earth writing style which made the book very easy to read. She shares with her readers details of her own bad girl past without mincing words, as well as confessing how she still errs in her post-bad girl life. I personally enjoyed the way she opens each chapter with a modern-day tale based upon the Biblical bad girl she is about to dissect. Liz provides some excellent insight into these women, addressing many of the questions & issues I've had since I was young. She discusses the lives of these bad girls verse by verse, providing both fact & speculation (clearly defining which is which). No workbook is necessary (though one is available), as Liz includes activities & questions to consider at the end of each chapter. Don't worry about giving the "wrong" answer, b/c she includes verses in the back of the book to help with some of those questions (such as, "Find at least five verses that assure you His

gifts of grace & forgiveness are the real thing").The bad girls addressed in this book are: Eve, Potiphar's Wife, Lot's Wife, the Woman at the Well, Delilah, Sapphira, Rahab, Jezebel, Michal, & the Sinful Woman (who annointed Jesus' feet with perfume). I appreciated how she places each woman in one of three categories: Bad to the Bone, Bad for a Moment, & Bad for a Season but Not Forever (except Eve, who was the First Bad Girl).Through it all, I was forced to re-evalute the excuses I've used so many times as a former bad girl & acknowledge the reality that, regardless of how others' choices impact me, I remain responsible for the decisions I make. This was the first of Liz's books that I've read, & it will not be the last. I have since purchased the workbook, as well as the follow-up book & workbook. As a former bad girl, with some traces still remaining, I found this book to be exactly what I was looking for. Convictions, insights, compassion, & encouragement abound. Don't miss this.

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