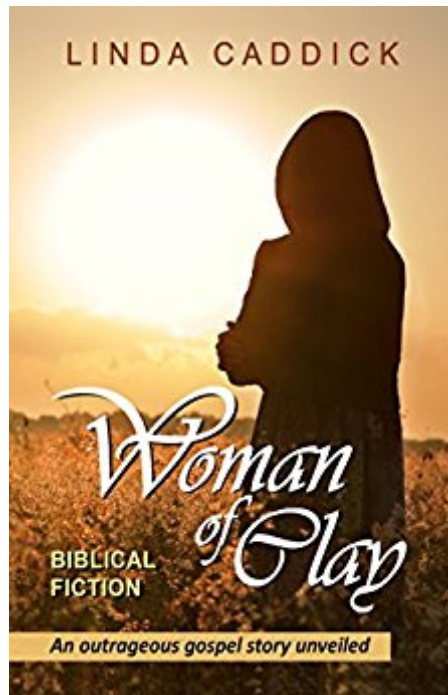




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WOMAN OF CLAY: An Outrageous Gospel Story Unveiled



Synopsis

This vivid story of love triumphing over human weakness plunges you into a vibrant drama in 1st century Israel. "In her mind—her eye, she saw herself cowering as the blur of that first stone hurtled towards her, its keen edge cutting into the soft flesh of her neck. Then another, striking her on the temple with a head-splitting blow, stones slamming into her from every direction. She felt the terror of death and heard her own screams inside her head. —“God, have mercy on me,— she whimpered." Self-deception, passion, and turmoil threaten to destroy everything Shana holds dear, even her own life. Driven by a burning quest for happiness, she sacrifices the love of a good man to satisfy a need she can't identify, paying a high price for the legacy of her father's rejection. A shocking face-to-face encounter with a controversial young rabbi reveals the truth. He claims her heart and gives his life in exchange, but still she must suffer the consequences of her choices. A cruel twist of fate presents her with a final test - her will or God's will? Love requires a sacrifice, but can all she has lost ever be restored? From bestselling biblical fiction author Linda Caddick, this poignant account of a woman's journey from brokenness to healing through redeeming love, provides an enlightening, true-to-life experience of history during the time of Jesus, that illustrates the bible in a new way. "One of the best stories I have read"; "deeply emotional"; "brings characters to life in such a way as I have seldom seen in fiction"; "just couldn't put it down"; "a work of art". Echoes of the emotional and spiritual insight of inspirational romance authors Francine Rivers and Tessa Afshar are evident in this page-turning novel.

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Customer Reviews

I highly recommend this wonderful book because it is very well written with many exciting twists and turns. It will make you laugh and weep as Linda weaves a story of love, betrayal, sorrow and finally....victory. I read it so fast that I will need to read it again to get the full impact. The author uses Scripture at the most appropriate times and brings all her characters to life in such a way as I have seldom seen in fiction. I am one who does not think that there is such a thing as "Christian fiction" but this one is an exception. It is believable and that is my test for these types of books. I can hardly wait to read her second book, "Woman of Mettle". It is the sequel to this one with Shushana continuing her journey as she grows in faith in her Messiah, Yeshua. I love happy endings too and Linda gives us the dearest and sweetest one as love wins and heartaches mend through faith in Jesus through faith in God's Word. Oh, the wonder of God's love through His only begotten Son! This book will grow your faith and leave you with a sweetness that will last and last. I just loved this book and hope to see more of Linda Caddwick in the coming years. She will prove to be one of the top fiction writers in this amazing new category that I have not wanted to accept until now. I now do because of her. Thank you Linda for this delightful book about the woman Jesus openly forgives of a crime worthy of death. Surely, it was not easy. Your talent is absolutely God blessed.

I have read dozens of books of Christian historical fiction by authors such as Francin Rivers, Jill Eileen Smith, Davis Bunn and Janette Oke, Debbie Gilliland, Tracie Peterson, Tessa Asfar, Lynn Austin, Mesu Andrews, Bodie and Brock Thoene, Golden Keyes Parson, Gilbert Morris, Karen Kingsbury, Lauraine Snelling, Beverly Lewis, Kim Vogel Sawyer, Michael Phillips, and others. Woman of Clay is a beautiful story of the woman in the New Testament who was caught in adultery. I have read several books about Jesus' time on earth and I never tire of reading them.

I would recommend this book to anyone. I felt like I was in the villages with the people. I understood how Shana felt wanting to find the Lord and to be near him to listen to Him. I felt her frustrations and sadness. The author really made you feel you were part of the story and you didn't want it to end. I am looking forward to reading more of her books.

Woman of Clay was a wonderful book. It reminded me of my life in so many sections. But thank you Lord you are the potter and I am the clay and He has molded me to be who He wants just like He did Shana. Her life had so many ups and downs just like our lives do. But if we allow God to use us and trust Him then life is better. I look forward to reading Woman of Mettle.

A delightful book, easy to read yet gives insight into the life of a county Jewish women in the first century CE. I thoroughly enjoyed this book which gave enough detail of every day life without getting bogged down with too much information. I smiled and was moved to tears on occasions. I have always believed that to understand the Bible and especially the New Testament it is important to have some grounding in the culture and times of Jesus' (Yeshua) life. This book, while easily accessible to non scholars, gives insight into some of the conditions and restrictions facing Jewish women as well as a better understanding of the years that Jesus traveled though his homeland teaching and healing.

I thoroughly enjoyed this work of historical Christian fiction. The title, itself, grabs you right away. The author amazes me with her creative imagination and the ability to bring to life the times of Christ. How many of us have wondered what it would be like to walk the same ground that Jesus and his followers trekked? There are so many stories in the Bible that leave you pondering the relationships of the Bible characters and the author did a remarkable job of creating very plausible situations that could have actually taken place. I couldn't wait to turn to the next page, sometimes totally surprised at the turn of events that carried each character deeper into the plot. I was touched and convicted on many levels, me seeing myself in similar struggles the main character had. So many scriptural lessons and reminders of God's redeeming love! A must read! Thank you, Mrs. Caddick! I so look forward to "Woman of Mettle".

I really did enjoy this book. I was drawn into the story and I always am touched when the Savior's teachings are included and stories of His life are told. It was also interesting to see how Shana grew

through her trials after making a life-changing choice. Certainly, everyone makes mistakes but some are definitely easier to see than others. I like how she grew to recognize her flaws and worked on conquering them. The ending of the book was quite abrupt and I felt like--really, that's it? I guess there is a sequel where the story continues but, if the book were to stand alone, the ending could be better.

This story is captivating. Shana's journey of faith is truly a reflection of my own heart. And the battle each of us has with our will. You will be thrilled by her zest and daring, pained by her choices, bewildered by the turn of events and humbled by her conversion. It is so easy to cast aside the miracle of Jesus stopping the stoning of whom we assume is a harlot _ only to see ourselves reflected in her desperation. Written with the ministry of Jesus changing the world around her, this story called me to see these events with new eyes.

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