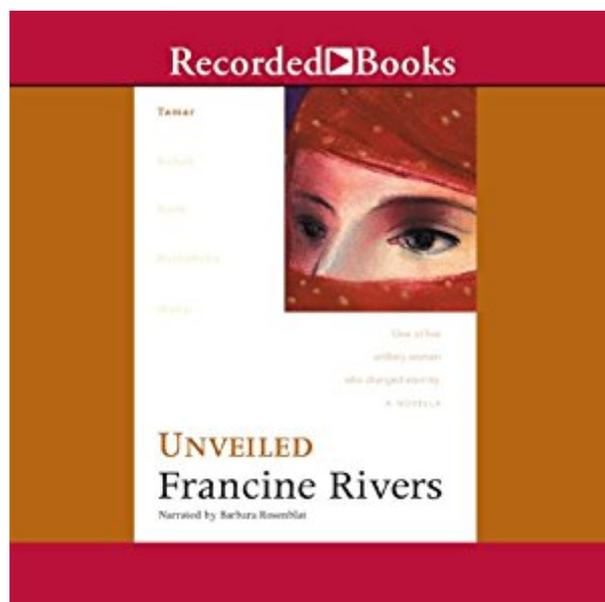


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Unveiled: Tamar: Lineage Of Grace, Book 1



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Audie Award Finalist, Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction, 2014 Unveiled is the story of Tamar, one of the women in the lineage of Jesus. Francine brings the story to life in her trademark style, showing the grace of God in the life of Tamar and her father-in-law, Judah. Unveiled is the first in the Lineage of Grace series of five novellas covering the stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.

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Customer Reviews

I have read every single one of Francine Rivers books, and UNVEILED is right up there in the ranks with her spectacular repertoire. Slightly shorter than most of her novels, this story is a new interpretation of a Biblical epic I have been familiar with for years, but now look at in a new light. After her fascinating accounts of the heroine, Tamar (book of Genesis, she includes a six part bible study that has brought me to tears on several occasions with her profound insight and soul searching questions that make you rethink your philosophies. I hope you enjoy this story as much as I did, and I also encourage you to read Rivers' other selections, for they are ALL fantastic works of genius.

I started reading Francine Rivers' books in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1996. Since then, I have read every book she has written. My sister shared the first book with me, and from then on I was hooked on reading Francine's books. This book, "Unveiled", was written so well that Tamar seemed alive today. It was hard for me to comprehend her loyalty to her husbands' family. However, her

faithfulness and willingness to trust and obey in a God she didn't even know was most impressive to me. I took this book on a weekend trip and wanted to spend more time in the hotel reading than socializing. It was easy reading and hard to put down--as all of Francine Rivers' books are. More importantly, all of the books cause me to think about my Christian walk and to try to grow closer to the Lord. This book caused a thirst for the scripture on Tamar. I was disappointed to find out that there is only a small passage on Tamar in the Bible. It's amazing how creative Francine Rivers is! Every woman should read this book. I am waiting anxiously for the next.

Tamar didn't feel ready to be married at 14. And she certainly didn't want to marry Judah's eldest son, Er. But being a woman, her opinion was never even asked. She is disappointed to find that the stories about his cruelty are true. Furthermore, her mother-in-law is horrid as well. Still, Tamar does her best to fit in with her new family and do her one duty, produce a son. But when tragedy strikes the family, she faces more hardship. Will the God of Judah be with her? This book had an almost insurmountable task ahead of it. I've never particularly liked the story of Tamar in Genesis. Still, I tried to read this with an open mind. I found I enjoyed most of it, especially the connections it made that I had never made with the story of Joseph. It made me view the story in a completely different light by viewing the context. It also goes a long way in explaining the customs of the times which help put the story in perspective as well. Still, I did feel the fictitious part of the ending was a tad unrealistic and rushed. This well researched novella sheds a different light on one of the women God honored by including by name in the genealogy of Jesus. The included study guide helps us take lessons from this story into our everyday lives. While not my favorite story to begin with, this book helped me see past that to the importance of it in the greatest story ever told.

Francine Rivers has stated that she believes readers want to be challenged, and she has succeeded in doing that with *Unveiled*. She has told the story of a woman who is strong, courageous, and loyal, yet submissive to the will of God. Tamar is continually subjected to maltreatment from everyone around her, and is ridiculed for the decisions she makes, yet she stands firm, and is rewarded for her obedience in the end. I'm looking forward to the rest of this series--as usual, Francine has delivered.

In Francine Rivers' novella, *Unveiled*, the plight of Tamar, the daughter-in-law of Judah, is explored. Francine paints a vivid picture of the lives of women in the B.C. Biblical era. Tamar is a woman who has been used and abused by all the men in her life, but she continues to submit to their authority.

Once again, Francine has written a book that causes the reader to continue to turn the pages, eager to know what happens next. There is a lot of speculation, but none that goes outside the Biblical realm of possibility. She has made her characters come alive, and helps the reader to understand the frame of mind with which Tamar was operating. This book will not be a disappointment. In addition, there is a study guide included at the end of the book, for readers that want to get more out of this story directly from the Bible. There are Scripture passages to read and questions to provoke thought, as well as room to journal thoughts in the study. This would be an excellent source for a discussion group.

Francine has another winner here! Unveiled is a great story and a wonderful teaching tool. I can remember being a kid (not raised in a Christian environment) and the one exposure I had to Bible stories were those old epic movies. Charlton Heston in the Ten Commandments, The Story of Ruth, David and Bathsheba with Gregory Peck and Susan Hayward...remember? What about Ben Hur? (Okay so it wasn't strictly a Bible story. But for years I thought there was a book of Judah Ben Hur in the New Testament somewhere...) Great movies and stories really impacted my spiritual awareness! (These are flicks I still enjoy when they come on AMC!) Jesus understood that the best teacher taught people by telling stories. Francine Rivers has the gift, the mastery of her craft, the dedication and the love to make her stories reach into the hearts of her readers. Unveiled and the books that follow will forever be stories which someone will read and say..."I learned...I grew...my life changed because I read this book." Great blessings to you Francine! Your work will have an impact that goes beyond our lifetime.

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