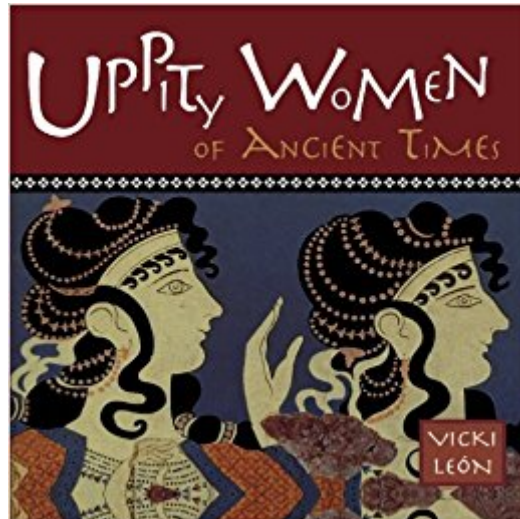




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Customer Reviews

Okay, you've heard of Sappho, Nefertiti, maybe even the pharaoh Hatshepsut and the warrior queen Tomyris. But what about the murderous Macedonian queen Arsinoe, the Talmudic teacher Beruria, the Greek priestess Lysimache, or Audata-Eurydice, Philip of Macedon's horse-riding Illyrian queen? And then there is Kisaya, a Sumerian slave who sued for the right to choose her own husband. Leon has collected hundreds of historical women's names and the facts about the lives of those who bore them. Where very little is known, she fleshes out the text with fascinating cultural tidbits. Rendered in a zippy tone, such stuff makes delightful reading. Patricia Monaghan

200 pyramid builders, poets, princesses and other women in positions of power over the centuries are profiled in a series of biographies concentrating on unusual women. Uppity Women of Ancient Times is an excellent, fun title which is packed with information on women who influenced history and created lasting names for themselves. -- Midwest Book Review

This book is a fun read and gives a brief glimpse into the lives of ancient women. The stories are all pretty brief, a page or two at most with an occasional sketch. If you're really uptight and have no sense of humor, then you might not enjoy this book.

Does a good job of showing that women of ancient times (in the Mediterranean area) were perfectly capable of coping with life, could do all kinds of things, and achieve fame, and were not the isolated, downtrodden housewives so many people assume falsely that they were. In reality, ancient women were more equal partners in many ways than most western women have been until quite recently, and the downtrodden menials of those times (male and female) were slaves. I do not recall that Leon makes that point, preferring to show how marvelous it was that so many women were able to do what they did. She is also not unwilling at times to read more into the scanty evidence than is likely to be there.

This is my favorite of the entire Uppity Women series. Although the Bible and historians don't tell us much about women in ancient times, the author has found out a lot about them. She has done a thorough job of researching her subjects' stories and the history surrounding them, and gives us delightful "dirt" as well as making her readers realize how important and powerful women have always been. I own the entire series, and often go back and read about some of the women who were important in their lifetimes, but often totally neglected by historians. These are not dry historical essays. The women really come to life in Vicki Leon's writings.

Some of these stories are a great supplement to an ancient history class. However, not all stories are what I would consider 'age appropriate' for some grades.

I really like this book. It's funny, quick paced and diverting. I gave this copy to my Aunt who is ill and I wanted to enjoy some laughter even when she isn't feeling well enough to have a long attention span.

As is often stated Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History! Vicki Leon reminds us of that fact with this glimpse into these women lives.

Nice to be able to pick up a book and put it down for a quick read.

A fascinating book about women, many of whom would have gone un-noticed.

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