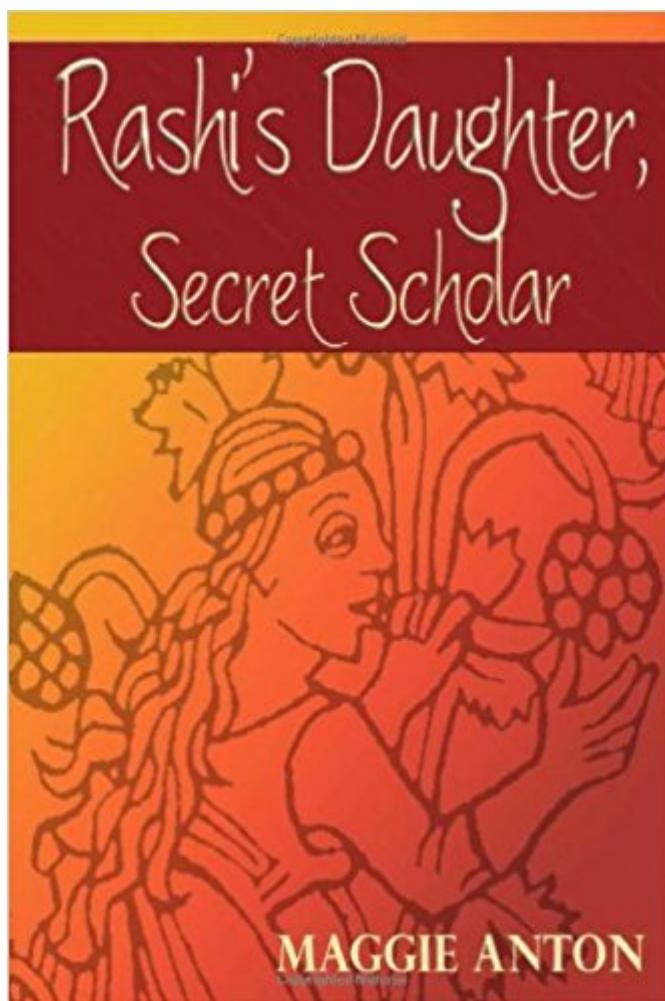


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Rashi's Daughter, Secret Scholar



Synopsis

Rashi's Daughter, Secret Scholar was adapted from the first book in this series, Volume 1: *Joheved*. The tale of a young girl who challenges conventions to engage in Jewish learning; Set in 11th-century Troyes, France, *Rashi's Daughter, Secret Scholar* tells the story of Joheved, eldest daughter of Salomon ben Isaac (known as Rashi), one of the great medieval Jewish Bible commentators. At a time when women traditionally were barred from studying Jewish texts, Rashi secretly teaches first Joheved, then her sister Miriam. By day, Joheved helps in running the household and the family winemaking business, and by night she studies Talmud with her father. As she nears marriageable age, Joheved finds her mind and spirit awakened by religious study, but she must keep her passion for learning and prayer hidden. When she becomes betrothed to Meir ben Samuel, she is forced to choose between marital happiness and being true to her love of the Talmud. Will she fulfill the expected role of a Jewish woman or pursue a path of Jewish learning?

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Customer Reviews

Based on her [adult books](#) about the daughters of Biblical scholar Rashi, Anton introduces Joheved and her sister, Miriam, who are living in eleventh-century France. Though the book spans years, readers come to know [the sisters](#) only superficially, and time and place [is](#) all. [Anton](#) provides a detailed but never boring look at what life was like at the time for residents of Troyes in general and [Jewish girls](#) [in particular](#). In some ways, [it's](#) what one might expect [keeping religious holidays, making a home](#) [but these sisters are also privileged and study the Torah \(against their mother's wishes\)](#). Moreover, Joheved

Throughout *Å* Anton does a masterful job of explaining the intricacies of medieval life, from *Å* how a grape is picked to the way paper is made, why certain amulets are *Å* used in childbirth, and the system of taxation *Å* on wine. With several important female characters besides the sisters, this beautifully shows the rich *Å* diversity *Å* of *Å* women and the lives they lead, even long ago. Grades 8-12. --Ilene Cooper

A great addition to the Rashi's Daughters series. It gives a background to the story of the three daughters with a smattering of Talmud to boot. An enjoyable read

excellent for younger readers

A very interesting book with a lot of jewish laws and stories.

My wife is the one reads the books. She shares them with our daughter. They both think the series is wonderful.

Having read the first two volumes of Rashi's Daughter's I ordered this immediately upon making it available, March 28, 2008. I didn't know it was for readers "ten and up." I assumed (always a bad idea) that it would be about the third daughter, Rachel. Silly me. It is a re-telling of the story of Jocheved for younger readers...unless they have read the first two volumes. I will give the book to a young girl, a friend's daughter. I am sure she will find it fascinating. My disappointment is more than likely my own fault.

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