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The story of Dinah receives little more than a mention in the Bible, as it gives rise to a bloody massacre. Not so with Anita Diamant's *The Red Tent* (Picador 1998). Diamant weaves ancient history and culture with narrative fiction to draw a picture of what life might have been like for the women in Jacob's life. With skill and passion, Sandra Hack Polaski unravels the complexities of the biblical stories of Leah, Rachel, Zil'pah, Bil'hah, and Leah's daughter Dinah, probing aspects of *The Red Tent* that give us insight into the text and into the lives of women in the ancient Near East. *Inside the Red Tent* brings readers into the biblical and historical contexts of the world of Dinah and her four mothers, exploring their stories through the tradition of midrash, sound biblical scholarship, and archeological findings. She gives us a glimpse "inside the red tent" at the families, relationships, encounters, goddesses, and God that defined their lives and that define ours. From the Popular Insights series.

## **Inside the Red Tent Details**

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### **Teeni says**

An interesting companion to The Red Tent. Interesting for some of the cultural and historical insights, but reads like a college paper.

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### **Ginny Cousin says**

Great read as it uncovers how women have been able to adapt and control, when they have no control. These women were adaptable, controlling and organized.

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### **Jennifer Miller says**

A-maz-ing.

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### **Lisa says**

Best book ever! I couldn't put it down. It changed how I view the life of women (and their men) during Biblical times. You've got to read this one!

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### **Kelley Weatherly says**

very interesting ideas that I had never considered

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### **Jennifer Schmeisser says**

Book club at Coldstone Creamery

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### **Cynthia Machata says**

Good, but Queenmaker is better

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**Jill says**

One of the best I've ever read.

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**Suhesti says**

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**Brooke Haynes Gallucci says**

Loved this at first, but it dragged and dragged on.

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**Miriam says**

Helpful insights into "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant.

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**Jenseninbox says**

This book was amazing. The mix of biblical history with fiction made such a great story. I need to read it again.

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**Jessica Wimbley says**

Love how she goes into the dynamics between multiple wives and pagan rituals. It gets to feel like a lifetime movie towards the end of the book which takes away from it as a whole.

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**Mary says**

We used this in our women's Bible Study. Good companion to the book.

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