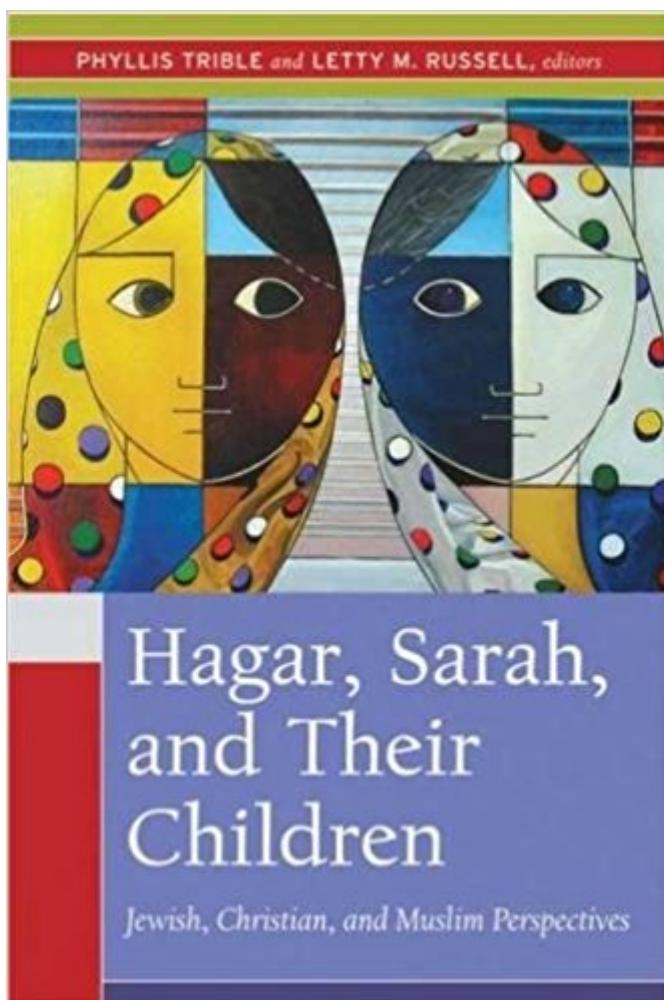


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# Hagar, Sarah, And Their Children: Jewish, Christian, And Muslim Perspectives



## **Synopsis**

In different ways, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all trace their beginnings to Abraham. His wives, Hagar and Sarah, though also pivotal in the story, have received far less attention. In this book, however, noted Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars focus on Hagar, Sarah, and their children, from Ishmael and Isaac to their many descendants through the centuries. Moving from ancient and medieval sources to contemporary appropriations of the Sarah and Hagar story, the authors begin with an overview of the three religions--from their scriptural beginnings to their contemporary questions. They then explore how the story was developed after its canonization, in rabbinic interpretations, in the stories of Islam, and in the teachings of the early church fathers. They also present contemporary womanist and feminist perspectives. Timely, relevant, and provocative, this book provides an entree into interreligious discussion and understanding.

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Presbyterian Church of the Ascension in East Harlem for ten years. She joined the faculty of Yale Divinity School in 1974 and retired in 2001. She wrote and edited numerous books, including Church in the Round: Feminist Interpretation of the Church, Dictionary of Feminist Theologies (with J. Shannon Clarkson), and Inheriting Our Mothers' Gardens: Feminist Theology in Third World Perspective (with Kwok Pui Lan, Ada Maria Isasi Dias, and Katie Cannon).

This review is specific to the "Kindle Edition" - I am still reading the book and enjoying what I have read so far, so my review of a hard-copy would be much better....This is not really a "Kindle Edition", it is more like a hard-copy scanned into Kindle format. There are no links to the chapters as Kindle treats the whole book as just one unit. Much worse for me is the fact that the end-notes don't work as hyperlinks. Usually, when I want to read an end-note, I click on it and it takes me to the note, then I click again and it takes me back to the text. With this book, I have to guess an approximate location for the note, flip to the exact place and, then, do the same process again to get back to where I stopped reading the book. It's insane! I am a big fan of Kindle editions, but I WOULD NOT recommend buying this book in digital format.

Really interesting, well-researched book. The book is written academically, it is not a story or a fictional tale. It incorporates information from the various religious books as well as historical commentary. You can tell that the author did a lot of research and I learned a lot from her summary of the various stories and interpretations of the story of Abram and his wife. 4/5 stars because there is not a lot of information about Hagar. I was hoping it would reveal new information about her, but it does not go very much beyond what is written in the Torah, Quran, and Bible. Most of the book was focused on Sarah and Abraham. However, it was still very interesting. It definitely left me with questions and prompted me to continue reading to find more information.

Very spacious and good light weight material. Perfect for moving a bunch of stuff and it breaks down incredibly small so it stores nicely!

Had no idea that one story in Genesis could have so many interpretations, all seemingly valid! The roles of Abraham and Ishmael in the Muslim tradition is especially intriguing. My only criticism is the rather small typeset is a challenge for my macular degeneration.

I find this book is full of lots of information. It has to be read as a text book. I'm enjoying it. If one is

interested in early Christian History it's a great tool for learning.

I LOVED the first chapter - the rest of the book not so much. but i am sharing the book and would recommend it if only for the Trible part.

It is good to use.

excellent insight

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