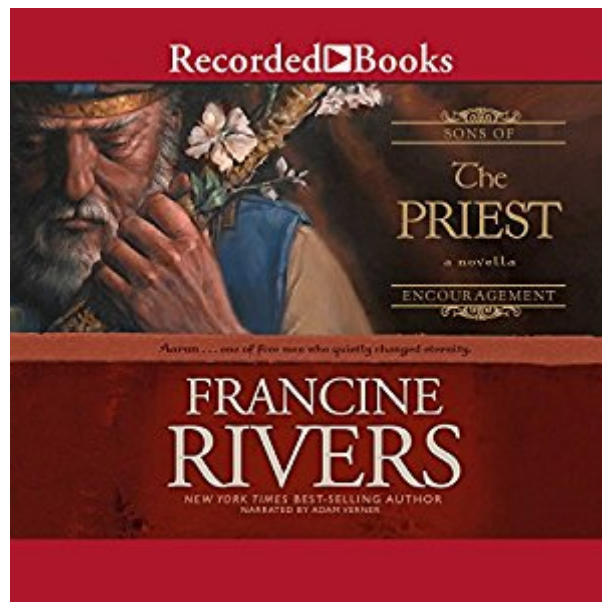


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# The Priest: Aaron



## Synopsis

His courage covered his brother's fear. His sacrifices atoned for the people's sin. His voice carried the words of God. Moses parted the red sea. But in his shadow stood a man who symbolizes forever our great High Priest: Aaron.

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## Customer Reviews

At three years of age a jealous Aaron misses his mama who seems to spend all her time with one year old brother Moses. His older sister Miriam tries to provide solace, but that fails to ease the ache in the little boy's heart perhaps because she too misses her mama. Three years later, a heartbroken mama tells her two oldest children that the daughter of the Pharaoh loves Moses and he will live with her as his mother. Years later, God speaks to Aaron to go to the wilderness and help Moses lead the enslaved Israelites to the Promised Land. Putting aside his jealousy, Aaron becomes Moses' right hand man as they seek freedom. Over time he becomes the First High priest only to watch his flock fail God. Though feeling undeserving of his role and a failure, Aaron in his low key manner encourages his people to properly worship the Lord. While performing the seemingly impossible but critical tasks without acclaim, he also finds a brotherly love to his charismatic younger brother, leader of the wandering Hebrews. Starting with Aaron, Francine Rivers, in her Sons of Encouragement series, is telling the tales of five influential individuals who in the background of a charismatic superstar shaped religion. The first novel, THE PRIEST, is a biblical fiction work fans will enjoy though the book starts off a bit slowly as readers are introduced to the key players as

described in the Torah. This historical fiction novel turns into a deep character study in the second half of the novel as the audience feels the emotions especially self doubts, disbeliefs and concerns during forty years of wandering. Harriet Klausner

In "The Priest," author Francine Rivers brings together an oft quoted/written about story (the Exodus story and subsequent events) and brings new life to them. First, I note that she does, indeed, rely heavily on Scripture (I state this to nullify the Publisher's Weekly review and criticism about this). Moreover, this actually adds to the story's authenticity. Rivers also sheds light on the Exodus events that few if any other writers have done before. Namely, she tells them through the eyes, not of Moses, but of his younger brother Aaron. In doing so she does a service to people who enjoy reading fiction and those who are serious students of Scripture. For those interested in applying the life lessons from Aaron, she includes a study guide in the back of the book. In all, it is an enjoyable read, and often an inspiring one also. Well worth, the price of admission.

This is the first of this series by Francine Rivers that I have read, and though it was a good read, I felt it fell a little short of the high standard she has set for herself. I guess the adage that you can't hit a homerun every time holds true. Perhaps my disappointment comes from the subject itself. The subject being Aaron, who, in many ways could be considered a poster child of Biblical failure. The Bible presents Aaron as somewhat of a "side kick". He was Moses' Tonto, if you will. And certainly one of the countless perplexing questions I intend to ask God when I stand before the throne is, "Why Aaron?" Why was he chosen to be the High Priest of the Jews? He was certainly not a mature believer and seemed a rather bad choice for the position. Was he the most prepared candidate? Surely Caleb, or even on good days, Joshua, was more qualified. At any rate, I digress. The book is meticulously accurate, as with all of Rivers' works, but failed to have that page turning passion that her books normally provide. It follows the life of Aaron from childhood to death and Rivers clearly illustrates Aaron's many failures and weaknesses along the way. I'll certainly read the other books in this series. I just hope to see a return of the type narrative I've come to expect from the very gifted writer.

Regrettably, this novella offered no new insight into Aaron's life as a priest. Most of the book is predictable. A plus is that it sticks close to Scripture. Aaron was depicted as a tired, confused and wanting old man. I was hoping the author gave him energy and a dynamic personality. But she did not. It is still an okay book to read but the pace is deadly slow at times. Too much narration of

Aaron's inner thoughts. I was hoping to see how he interacted with the people through dialogue. Aaron appears to be a tag along who believes God thinks lesser of him than he does of Moses. As God's chosen priest, I believe the author could have injected more life into this character and also gave him a family life. It seemed Aaron was around people, but never with people.

this book was definitely a work of art by Francine Rivers. her writings continue to amaze me as I read her books. the priest was an amazing depiction of the story of Aaron, brother of Moses. It gave a new perspective on looking at the characters from a "real" standpoint rather than just historical figures. She gave them personality. I loved this book, and I definitely suggest it as a must-read!

This is yet another fabulous story by Francine Rivers! It's 100% Biblical and will give you new perspectives on Bible stories you may have heard your entire life. Read every book by her - guaranteed blessings!

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