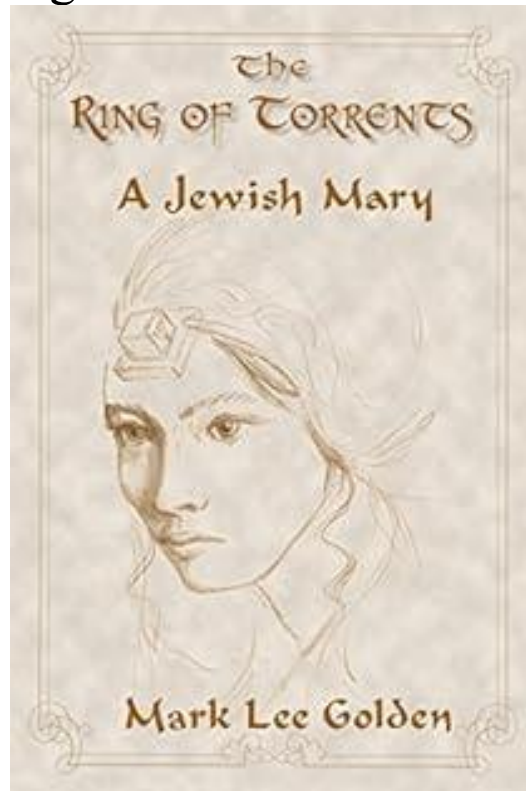


The Ring of Torrents: A Jewish Mary



by Mark Golden

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I borrowed this book at a meeting of Spokane Authors. Although I consider myself spiritual but not religious, I'm deeply curious about biblical subjects, especially interpretations that expand beyond traditional scripture. Mark Lee Golden's decision to imagine the private world of Mary—the mother of Jesus—her thoughts, routines, and inner life, immediately captured my attention.

What impressed me most was the richness of the writing. Through Golden's vivid storytelling, I gained fascinating insight into Jewish philosophy, traditions, language, and everyday life before the birth of Jesus. The historical and cultural detail adds remarkable depth and authenticity to the narrative.

I also appreciated the author's honesty in describing the book as “educated speculation” rather than an attempt to impose doctrine or religious certainty. That candor made the story feel thoughtful, respectful, and intellectually engaging and valuable.

I would recommend this book to readers drawn to the mystery surrounding the Virgin Mary, the immaculate conception, and the early life of Jesus—as well as to anyone who appreciates elegant, immersive writing.



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