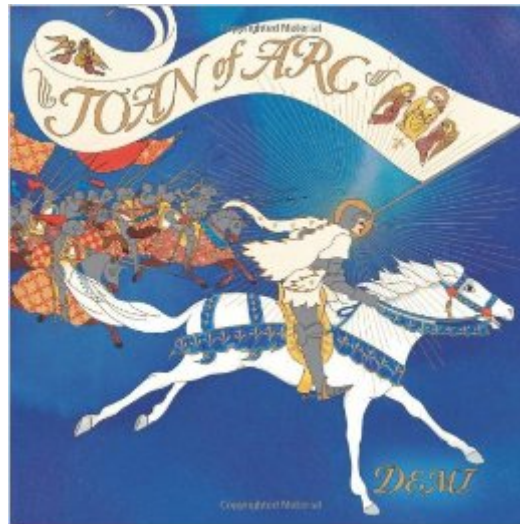


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# Joan Of Arc



## Synopsis

As a young girl in a small village in France, Joan prayed daily that France would be delivered from the English and Burgundian invaders who were ravishing the country. When Joan was thirteen, she had a life-changing experience. The archangel Michael appeared in a vision and told her that she would save the kingdom of France and lead the dauphin (heir to the throne) to Reims Cathedral to be crowned king. Calling herself the Maid of God, Joan set off to gather an army, win a number of crucial battles, and install the dauphin on the French throne. Although the king later deserted her when France's enemies put her on trial for heresy and burned her at the stake, her bravery and faith inspired the French people and led them to victory. Demi has drawn Joan's battles and triumphs with exquisite detail inspired by the stained glass, architecture, painting, and sculpture of the fifteenth century.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4th - 7th

## Customer Reviews

The story of Joan of Arc is hugely uplifting tale of spiritual conviction and bravery in the face of difficult situations, but also an extremely complicated one. Despite this, Demi has crafted an extremely beautiful and engaging book that faithfully captures Joan's story (I fact-checked the book before I wrote the review). Historical picture books seem to be quite popular recently as Demi has written 30 of them and I've seen similar products from other authors (I recently reviewed The

Elephant from Baghdad and A Giraffe Goes to Paris for Vine Voice). The story itself is gripping, uses age-appropriate words, and follows Joan's life all the way to its unpleasant end and later canonization as a saint. The illustrations are more than beautiful and I love that they have the look of period (15th century) paintings and/or stained glass windows as I felt this furthered the "historical setting" that you enter into when reading the book. As basically a larger "picture book", there is text on 40 pages and the text is only around 2000 words total, the illustrations are important. The map at the end was also very helpful. Considering how woefully ignorant most Americans are to even places in the U.S., I'm pretty sure most of us couldn't pinpoint Poitiers, Orléans, or Reims on a map of France...The only drawback I see is that I'm not sure if the depths and nuances of Joan's story can be understood by your average nine year old.

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