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In this latest volume of illuminated Biblical texts, Band focuses on three Biblical women, Deborah, Ruth and Hannah. Each section begins with an introduction by Band, which describes how she personally connected with the text. Next is a literary commentary by Arnold Band which examines the structure and historicity of the text. The commentary is followed by the texts in Hebrew and English on facing pages; each with different full color illustrations. Each section concludes with a discussion of the art together with descriptions of the text, the midrashim, commentaries, and the archeological evidence that provided the sources of inspiration for Band's illustrations. The artwork is beautiful and the description of Debra Band's process and inspiration is fascinating. Highly recommended.

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