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*Women in Judges and Biblical Israel*

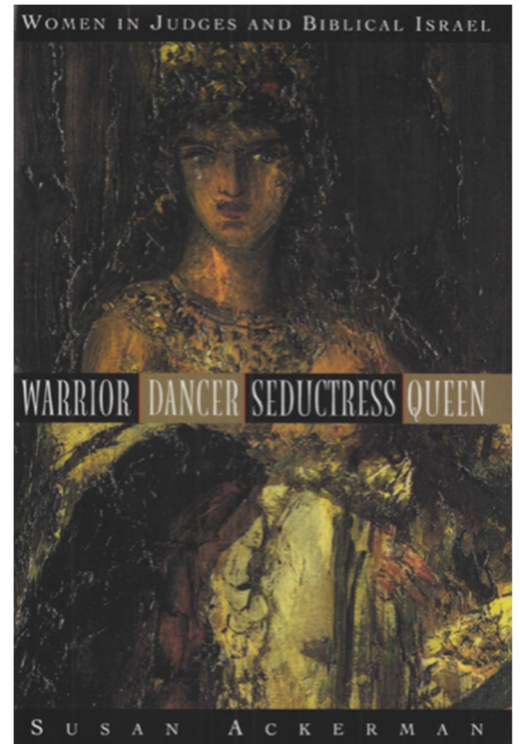
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Some of the Bible's most memorable characters are the women in the book of Judges. From Deborah and Jael to Delilah and Samson's mother, these women led the Israelites in battle, used their wits to defeat the enemy, their wiles to seduce mighty men, and their wisdom to prevail on God. In *Warrior, Dancer, Seductress, Queen* author Susan Ackerman offers a keen analysis of the main types of women found in Judges and examines other biblical books ancient Near Eastern literature to demonstrate how these types recur elsewhere. Thorough yet entertaining, her study leaves readers with an understanding of what roles these women played in Israelite society and religion.

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