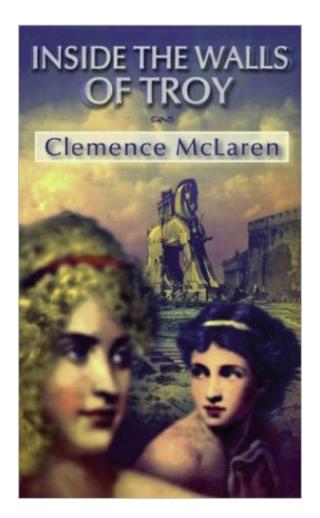
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Inside The Walls Of Troy: A Novel Of The Women Who Lived The Trojan War





Synopsis

Two women, one war. Helen, at age twelve, is not prepared to deal with her famous beauty: to have the face that will launch a thousand ships, kill fifty thousand men, and cause the fall of the world's greatest city. But when she is kidnapped by Theseus of Athens, she begins her journey into womanhood and finds passion strong enough to start the Trojan War. Cassandra has the gift, or curse, to predict the future. When she forsees the ruin of her family and city that Helen's arrival in Troy will cause, she is outraged. Yet she cannot help being drawn to Helen. As the war rages around them, Helen, the woman who started the conflict, and Cassandra, the one who foresaw it, develop a deep friendship. And through their eyes we see the Trojan War in a fascinating new way.

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Customer Reviews

This was a very interesting book. It was not the usual happy ever after story where the Prince carries the Princess off and they get married. This tells the story like it actually is. War is not only when the good side wins. The gore,blood,the grime, and sweat of the warriors is told as realistically as possible. This book is about a ten year long war. A young girl named Helen, renowned as the most beautiful women in the world, was married to a man named Menelaus. One day a young handsome stranger named Paris comes along. Helen immediately falls in love with him. Helen and

Paris elope together back to Troy. Menelaus is outraged. First he tries to send a delegation to Troy to ask for Helen's return. King Priam, the King of Troy, refuses. Priam loves Helen himself and thinks that she will be the prize of the city. Menelaus declares war on Troy, so Troy and Greeks go to War. The first part of the book, is told by Helen, but then the story switches to Cassandra's point of view. Cassandra is a Trojan woman. She is really stubborn and likes to stand up for what she believes in. Like Helen, she wants control over her own life. Cassandra also had the gift of seeing the future. She predicts that this whole war is going to happen. At first she is a little wary of Helen, but then they grow to be great friends. The only thing that they disagree on is Paris. Cassandra thinks that Paris is lazy and self-centered. Helen thinks that Paris is the most gorgeous and loving person in the world. The war wages on for ten long and weary years. Thousands of men die and no one even knows what it is over anymore. In the end one side wins. To find out read the book! I really liked how Ms. Mclaren told it from two of the womens' points of view. She really described how they were thinking and feeling.

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