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The rightful-born queen of Lyrnessos, Briseis watched helplessly from the battlements as her husband and brothers were crushed by the invincible army of King Agamemnon. Taken into slavery, the proud, beautiful seer became the prize of Prince Achilles, the conquering Greeks' mightiest hero. But passion forged chains stronger than any iron, binding the hearts of captive and captor with a love that knew no equal, and when Troy fell, great Achilles promised his beloved Briseis would reign at his side as queen of Thessaly. Yet the jealousy of a ruthless king and the whims of the capricious deities would deny the lovers their happiness. As the flames of war rose higher around them, the prophetess vowed to save the beloved warrior for whom her dark gift foretold doom -- even if it meant defying the gods themselves.

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Aly says

This book I read as a 14-year-old. It captivated me, made me cry, and now as a 21-year-old it is still my favorite book to read. It never gets old, and more as a woman it pushes you to hold your head high no matter what you may be going through. It made me think I can be just as strong as the protagonist. Epic is really the only word I would choose to describe this book. WELL DONE Sarah B. Franklin.

Juliew. says

4.5 actually. This is told from the perspective of Briseis in a flashback manner. We first encounter her as an old woman retelling her life story and her involvement in the fall of Troy. She begins the story on the wind swept plains of Troy, a war prize of the warrior, Achilles. She then takes us back to her childhood and recounts her life in Lyrnessos, where she first becomes aware of her ability to see into the future.

War soon invades and as the flames burn higher she finds escaping the explosion may be impossible. The book was beautifully written. I fell in love with it.!!

Morgiana says

It was one of the worst books I ever read. Truly.

I am obsessed with history, I really like the ancient world, but this book - it was beyond all my expectations. Ok, you know the story the fall of Troy, there is no place for the author's fantasy and imaginations, but the characters...they were plain, simple, and couldn't catch my eye - Briseis was the greatest selfish bitch, I ever read!

I couldn't read this book till the end, I put it down after 78 pages.

It is better I don't give any star for that book.

Kristi Thompson says

There seemed something a little off in this book. The tone, language, whatever. Let's start with the title. Briseis was daughter of Lyrnessos, not Troy. And using "Megaron" to mean palace - it's an archaeological term, and means something like "big room". There were other things that seemed odd, historically unjustified, giving the name of a goddess to a slave girl, for example. I guess she needed something greek-sounding.

I did enjoy the first sections, Briseis growing up in Lyrnessos, her brothers, the bath attendant scenes. The author did do some research, which made the lapses more annoying.. But after Bienor was killed I lost interest.

Lucinda Elliot says

I was rather irritated by this because it is written by a man under a woman's name, which I believe is a bit insulting to women; I thought the erotic scenes, written from a female point of view, not at all credible and disliked the depiction of women and matriarchal culture in it.

The author seemed to portray women in a matriarchy worshiping men and waiting hand and foot on them.

Achilles in this is pretty much of an idiot, though supposed to be a great military commander. The proud matriarchal princess Brieses is delighted to become his slave, and wishes to spend her life worshipping his outsized penis. Her only sense of self worth seems to come from her appearance and the fact that he might deign to marry her. In fact, there is very much a 'swinging sixties chick' air about her; she doesn't seem to have heard of solidarity with other women, though her mother is supposed to be a matriarchal queen.

Ho, Hum..

However, to be fair, it was lively writing with excellent battle scenes and would no doubt appeal to many, whether they realise it is written by a man or not, so I've decided to up my points and delete my old review.

It's not for me for sure but others may enjoy it.

Two and a half stars, because I hate awarding low star ratings, even for purple prose like this.

Maria says

Ok maybe a bit on the romantic side but yum yum yum. There is quite a bit of sex in the book but it doesn't seem to dwell in the details too much. They really like their ritual bathing. Story is told by Briseis who is one of my favorite characters out of the Trojan war bunch. I really enjoyed it.

Jaz Fajardo says

I found this on Booksale and i believe it was worth more than the amount i paid for. It was written vividly including the backdrop, the characters well portrayed, the feelings subtly real and... i'm always a sucker for some steamy sex ;)

Kelly says

There's a little too much irrelevant sex in *Daughter of Troy*. However, it's a good story and I enjoyed it.

You might remember this book's heroine, Briseis, from the Iliad--Achilles's concubine, stolen away by King Agamemnon. But in *Daughter of Troy*, Briseis is much more than arm candy. She's an outspoken, brave,

sardonic, intelligent princess, gifted with powers of prophecy. These powers break her heart, though, because knowing the future does not necessarily mean you can change it...

We read about Briseis's childhood at the court of the small kingdom of Lyrnessos, her adolescence in which she discovered sex and learned about the ruling of a kingdom, and her young adulthood as a prize of the invading Greeks. I truly liked Briseis and enjoyed spending time reading about her; kudos to the author for writing a compelling, strong female character without loading her down in modern-day political correctness.

I also liked the dark look at the ancient deities. It is always refreshing to read historical novels where the ancient pagans aren't practicing modern Wicca. The gods are scary in this book, appropriate given that they were thought to require constant sacrifice and to interfere often in the lives of mortals.

Gripes: I wanted to know more about Briseis's life after Achilles's death. Franklin shows her as an old woman, but she only tells her story up until about age seventeen, when the war ends. It is truly sad to imagine that nothing much of interest happened to her after that, especially with so many years ahead of her. Perhaps I can hold out hope for a sequel. Second, people believed Cassandra too often!

GeekChick says

This just might be the ultimate blend of chick-lit and fictionalized history! It's set during the Trojan War, and though it does deal directly with some of the events portrayed in The Iliad, the story is more about the life of a girl growing up in that world. I can't remember all the details now (I read it a long time ago!), but she starts as a princess and ends up as Achilles' woman.

This is a great book, especially for those looking for something with chick-lit ease but a little more brains. Just a touch more -- you definitely don't need to be a history geek to follow it!

Jen Eisenberg says

Historical smut of the first water. Memorable characters, effective period detail. Deeply enjoyable.

Vallentina says

I am almost embarrassed to admit I finished this book. Homer is surely rolling in his grave over this one.. (I've got to start looking things up before reading them.) The one star is based solely on my love for Ancient Greece and the fact that the author can write coherently in sometimes thoughtful prose. Even skipping all of the ridiculous bed scenes didn't help me (though it did get me to the end a hell of a lot quicker). Sadly this was the only thing I brought on an 8 hour road trip.

Realizing this was written by a man posing as a woman clears things up and gives me a nice cringe.

Note to self: Always bring two books.

Also, never eat parsnips again.

Beth says

Daughter of Troy is not exactly a love story, or at least, not as we'd categorize it in modern times. It's more of a well-researched historical fiction that centers around a princess, and involves love (at its pinnacle in her time).

Despite the fact that this story is a fictional retelling of the Trojan War, and takes place during the Bronze Age, I felt like each character was understandable (and many were relatable). It's the mark of a good author when you can recognize personalities, but not framed in modern thinking, in an historical fiction. So in that respect, I was caught up in the story and really enjoyed it.

I'm marking it as not beloved, because I felt like I was left wanting more. We see Briseis from age 10 or so until the Fall of Troy, framed in her recounting of her youth to a jaded Homer. But after all this growing up with Briseis, her story basically ends at that point. I wanted MORE.

Aside from that, it was a thoroughly enjoyable story- educational wrapped in entertaining, even though the world is so different from our own. Certainly it's got sexy moments, and romance, but it felt more like a drama than anything else to me.

I recommend it for fans of Greek mythology, ancient history, and historical fiction.

Rosanne says

This one's a funny story. I found it on the discards sale shelf in our public library: 50 cents for one, a buck for three. Since I teach Odyssey over and over, I figured it would be interesting: always in the market for novels dealing with the Matter of Troy, as they'd say in the Middle Ages. Well . . . VERRRRRY interesting. After reading something to the effect of "Achilles' member stood like the tallest tower of Ilium," I started laughing so much the librarians had to shush me. And the heroine--Briseis!--just rolled over on her back at the slightest breeze, seemed not to notice her relatives being slaughtered, and never had a problem with her lovers' other gals, or guys for that matter, though she seemed relieved that Achilles & Patroclus weren't all hot for each other anymore, just kinda like best buds. So I had to google this gal--who could she be, writing stuff like this? Turns out she's not a gal--she's some guy who writes sci fi in Canada.

Laura says

A tale of a young princesses struggle to womanhood. The story of Briseis and Achilles was truly heart pounding and raw. The sultry scenes of lovemaking throughout the novel were extremely well written however, were almost too revealing and overdone. However much I did enjoy the novel it could have been less provocative and more modest. I found myself lost in an ancient battle for Troy wanting more right up until the very end. Although there are no sequels here this story has sparked my interest in all that is "Achilles".
