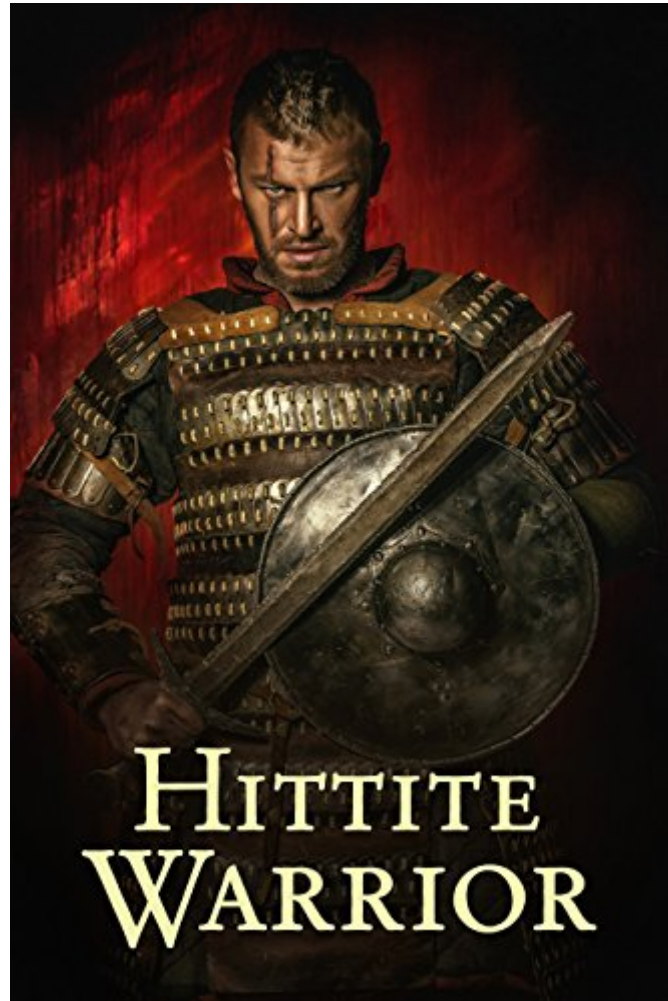




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Once a dominant force in the ancient world, the Hittite Empire is now on the brink of collapse. Uriah Tarhund, a young Hittite warrior, soon finds his village in smoldering ruins and the empire crumbling. His only hope of survival is to seek the aid of Sisera of Canaan, his father's ally. But the road to Canaan is long and the times are perilous and Uriah is waylaid along the way. A warrior without a nation, Uriah's adventures bring him amongst both the Canaanites and the Hebrews and ultimately into the brewing war between them as he seeks his own survival...

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Customer Reviews

Maybe I shouldn't review just yet because I'm not totally sure how I feel about this book. It is historically accurate and does a good job of showing the different peoples and cultures of the time, not to mention the fear and confusion of so many deities and ways of worship--some truly horrific. I'd rate it higher than a 3 for that, especially since there aren't that many books that can "put you there" in this time period. As someone else has mentioned, however, the writing is in bad form, leaving much to be desired in that department, so I have to dock it. I guess I should blame myself for

this next part--after all, it's a book about a "warrior"--but I didn't expect it to be so violent and in some places gory. I assumed, based on reviews of other mothers having read this with their children, that while there was action and battle, there wouldn't be images described like throats being slit and blood gurgling out. I'm not super happy I read that to my kids. I can't say that I "liked" the book, but that could be because I don't like what was really going on. That's not the book's fault since it all did happen. I'm not one to bury my head in the sand, but I don't relish this stuff, either. So, while I wouldn't shoot the messenger, I'd have liked a better heads up before purchasing than reviews that say simply, "It puts you in the action!"

Hittite Warrior tells the story of a teenage Hittite boy named Uriah-Tarhund. He came from a people who ruled the "northern world" and the Egyptians ruled the "southern world." His father was a lord and kinsman of the chief province of Arzawa. One fateful day, in the 13th year of the reign of the king, his father and he embarked to Hattusas to pay tribute. Little did he know that trip would end so tragically. While on his journey, his mother and sister were killed. His entire province was decimated and many were killed. Three years later his father died, but not before making Uriah promise to travel to Canaan and live there. Travelling with a caravan, his decision to save the life of a young trader named Hannibaal took him to Tyre where he made a friend named Jotham, a Hebrew. This friendship set him on a path that would change his life forever. The book is based during the time of the Judges, which was roughly 1200 B.C. If you have read through the Old Testament book of Judges with your children, they will recognize the two important names of Deborah and Barak. Deborah and Barak are the two judges who defeated the Canaanites in Judges 4. They will also recognize the song of Deborah from Judges 5. They will also learn a bit of geography. There is a tiny map in the front that serves as a basic guide for the region of the book, but they can further their knowledge by having an atlas or world map and track the journeys of Uriah. Your children will also be exposed to different societies, religious practices, and customs of these ancient people. For example, they will learn about an ancient Ammonite god named Moloch who required the sacrifice of a young child to appease him. This is an A+ historical fiction novel for children 10 and up. I, a 30+ male, had a hard time putting this book down and read it in one weekend. While I would argue that this book is more geared towards a male audience, girls might enjoy it as well. What I really loved about this book is the era and region it was written about. So much historical fiction based in ancient times focuses on Egypt or Rome and that's it. Ms. Williamson chose a neglected but equally important region and delivered a masterpiece. I am very pleased with Bethlehem Books' Living History Library series and cannot wait to dive into another book. Be sure to check out other books

from this author, particularly *À God King*.

It's a fair read but wanes a bit towards the ending. The sudden change in storyline and the ending simply do not make the most sense in light of the rest of the story. The morality in the book does not line up with the plot. Not a bad read, just fair. A mediocre to fair read which could use more fleshing out of the characters and thoughtfulness into the overall story line. I would not recommend for avid readers over the age of 12. Not worthy the purchase new.

I'm a ten year old boy who had to read this book for school. I think it was very interesting that the book was based on biblical times. The author has the judge, Deborah, as one of the characters. The book includes real history about Egypt and the gods. I thought it was good when Jabin, the child who was supposed to be sacrificed to Moloch, got away, but, then again, I thought it was sad because instead of giving Moloch one child, since Jabin got away, they gave him seven kids. Even though there were sad parts, I would recommend this book to anyone because it's a real page turner.

This book combines action with a story line of betrayal upon betrayal, weaving a net of characters that includes Biblical leaders: Deborah and Barak. It puts Uriah (a 16-year old Hittite orphan whose family was wiped out by the Philistines) smack in the middle of an exceptional journey. Parent note: some violence -- the father is beaten to death in front of the son, and the child sacrifices to Moloch are discussed but not dwelt upon. Sets the Hebrews among the people of Canaan and larger invading and conquering forces.

This was dictated to me by my 9 year old son after he read this book: This interesting book had a character that started out at my age (age 9). He was trained in the army and was strengthened. I learned some background from the Bible during the time of Judges such as how the Israelite people were meeting when they were attacked, how God used rain to keep chariots from getting through, and that they lived in gigantic house tents when they were at war rather than something like the small tent I use for camping. My favorite part was when Uriah and his future wife were almost captured as slaves. I thought it was funny when Uriah's future wife conked them on the head. This book would be good for both boys and girls ages 7-12 who are interested in reading about horses, wars, and the Bible.

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