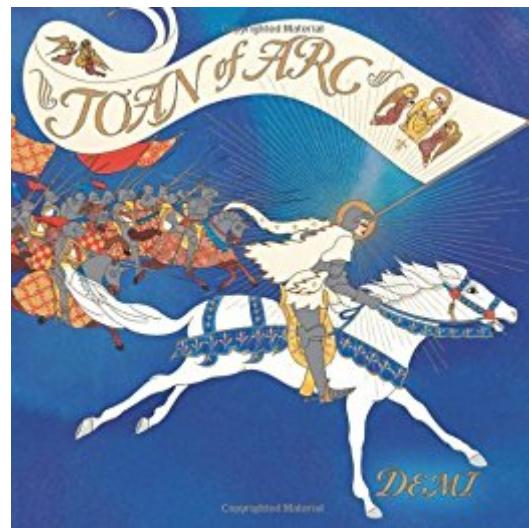


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## Joan Of Arc



## **Synopsis**

Double Tap to Zoom. As a young girl in a small village in France, Joan prayed daily that France would be delivered from the English and Burgundian invaders who were ravishing the country. When Joan was thirteen, she had a life-changing experience. The archangel Michael appeared in a vision and told her that she would save the kingdom of France and lead the dauphin (heir to the throne) to Reims Cathedral to be crowned king. Calling herself the Maid of God, Joan set off to gather an army, win a number of crucial battles, and install the dauphin on the French throne. Although the king later deserted her when France's enemies put her on trial for heresy and burned her at the stake, her bravery and faith inspired the French people and led them to victory. Demi has drawn Joan's battles and triumphs with exquisite detail inspired by the stained glass, architecture, painting, and sculpture of the fifteenth century.

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Beautiful pictures and thorough story. My children love this book. It is long and not for young children. My boys love it and they are 5 and 7. My 3 year old loves looking at the pictures and gets

most of the story from that.

This beautiful book is well written. My kids enjoyed listening to the story and were fascinated by the pictures.

Demi's artwork alone make this a stand-out book. The text is easy to understand all about Joan's life. This book could easily be used for research or as a read aloud. Joan's story is fascinating and Demi has done a wonderful job of presenting her life as illuminating.

This is a very beautiful book that tells the story of a young girl who saved her county and became a saint.

This book is just beautiful and it's pretty detailed. Children of all ages will love the pictures and the story is beautifully done as well.

I got this book at a steal for \$5 and was thrilled with its size, color & illustrations! Great purchase.

I'm a Demi lover and can never pass up owning a Demi book. This one is no disappointment. Demi is a skilled writer and takes care with her research of historical figures and the artwork she creates to go with her picture books. She tells the story of Joan of Arc beautifully using the religious text version which was common in her time. Joan was a young 16 year old when she heard voices telling her to help crown the King of France. It is sad that the King was so unworthy of her. While the people were French speaking in most parts, the English and Burgundians ruled much of France as we know it today, including Paris. The Dauphin or crown prince of France was too afraid to go to the legendary cathedral where French kings were crowned as the area was controlled by foreign invaders. Joan was able to convince him to allow her an army and fight a path to the cathedral. Later after being crowned the French king failed to fight his enemies again and left Joan to be captured and executed. The French were so outraged at her death, they took the lead in defeating the invaders. Demi tells this story appropriate for higher elementary grades and up as well as students learning English. I have used her books in the classroom and no one is insulted by her books being picture books, they quite enjoy them and appreciate their worth. Highly recommended.

This retelling of Joan of Arc tells the story of Joan trying to help the dauphin of France become king.

Heavenly voices--saints and angels--have communicated with her it is what she is meant to do. After her victory commanding the army, she is asked to stay on by the new king, and be in charge of the royal army. Joan is told not to accept this offer by the saints and angels who advise her. Yet, she goes against their advice. At that moment, they abandon her, and she no longer is victorious. What happens next is her eventual trial, false confession, repentance, and burning at the stake. The wonderful illustrations are what really make the book. They remind me of illuminated texts. The illustrations are embellished with "gold" and "silver" metallic-like ink in various places. For example, armor is silver, and crosses, gold. The book is beautifully done, but because of the sad nature of Joan's story (her burning is even shown in illustration), it might be best for ages on the farther side of the recommended age range, or even for adult readers who might enjoy the illuminated text appearance of the illustrations.

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