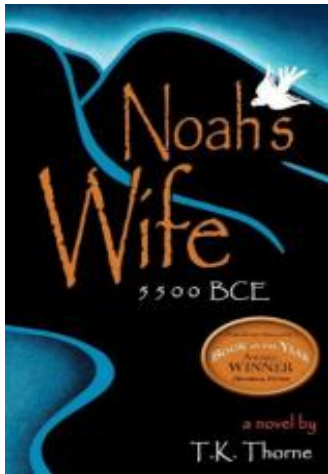


# Noah's Wife

by T. K. Thorne

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## About the Book

Seven thousand years ago... It is the time of the Goddess, and a devastation is coming that will change everything ? the landscape of the Mideast, the history of the world, and the life of Na'amah, a young girl with what we now know as Asperger's Syndrome.

Na'amah's ?wounded mind? perceives the world in unique ways. She sees life simply, but the social rules are far from simple; a violation can mean death. ?I speak only truths, unwise as it may be, because lies distress me.?

When she captures the eye of Noah, the boat-maker, her world is forever changed. Kidnapped by raiders, Na'amah must escape and flee across ancient Turkey ? a journey of both beauty and danger.

Na'amah finds strengths in her disabilities, courage in her fears, and mysteries beyond her imaginings. She wants only to watch the sheep on her beloved hills ? a desire shattered by the hatred of her powerful brother, the love of two men, and a disaster only she knows is coming.

### One Sentence for New Guide:

Noah's wife is Na'amah, a brilliant young girl who sees the world through different eyes (a form of autism now known as Aspergers) and wishes only to be a shepherdess on her beloved hills in ancient Turkey ? a desire shattered by the hatred of her powerful brother, the love of two men, and a looming disaster.

## Discussion Guide

1. How does this book challenge your perception of the way the story of Noah is traditionally told?
2. **Noah's Wife** predates organized religion. How and why did the author use the concepts of Father God and Mother

Goddess in the book? Do they have validity today?

3. How does Na'amah perceive and relate to the world because of her Asperger Syndrome?
4. How does her condition help her/limit her on her journey?
5. How did Savta influence Na'amah's development and journey?
6. Discuss how your perception of Tubal changes as the story evolves.
7. What part does understanding the 'cycle of violence' play in forgiveness? Can you forgive Tubal? Yanner?
8. What is the significance of Bennu in the story?
9. What is the significance of water for Na'amah?
10. Why do you think bees are a reoccurring theme?
11. How did the story use the distinctions between clans, Elders and the gods?
12. How do the relationships between Yanner, Noah, and Na'amah define the different aspects of love?

## Author Bio

Author T.K. Thorne, who has traveled in Turkey and Israel researching her books, speaks about how she accidentally became a police officer, didn't end up in a space capsule, and tackled an historical fiction novel about an unknown woman in one of the oldest and most famous stories on earth. Her award-winning debut novel, **Noah's Wife**, gives the Biblical story of Noah-and-the-ark a unique twist, telling the tale from the perspective of a brilliant young girl with a form of autism (now) known as Asperger's Syndrome, and setting the story in a culture that existed during a great flood in the Black Sea region thousands of years ago.

? Scientists (including Robert Ballard, the explorer who found the sunken Titanic while on a secret mission for the US government), discovered the truth about the Black Sea, once a fresh water lake, which cataclysmically became a sea around 5500 BCE.

? The oldest known worshiped deity was female. The role of the feminine in the divine was entwined with early Judaism and keeps reappearing throughout history.

&bull ;One in every 91 persons has a form of autism. The choice to make Noah's wife an Asperger savant stemmed from personal experience in the author's life and gives the story a unique perspective.

**Noah's Wife** won ForeWord Review Magazine's Book of the Year for Historical Fiction (2009). Thorne's short stories and screen plays have garnered awards as well, and her monthly column in Synergy Magazine was a must-read for Birmingham's city center for several years. A short film from her screenplay, *Six Blocks Wide*, was a finalist in a film

festival in Italy and has shown at other festivals in the U.S. and Europe. Originally from Montgomery, Alabama, she retired from the Birmingham Police Department as a captain and currently is executive director of the business improvement district, CAP, in downtown Birmingham. She has served on several community boards, including the Alabama Writer's Conclave, lives on a mountain east of Birmingham with dogs, cats, horses and a husband, and likes reading, going barefoot, stars, wind in high places, good friends, good food, and good ideas.

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