

## Harvest of Rubies by Tessa Afshar

What are your overall impressions of the book?

REALLY got caught by Sarah's realization that God said, "It is good" BEFORE Adam **ever** did anything. Does everyone but me think of our life's blessings this way -- from the *absolute* beginning?

*My favorite review of Harvest of Rubies:*

This is not my genre. At all. I expected to "get through" this book, while virtuously keeping an eye out for any redeeming qualities. Go me, expanding my horizons and all that, be it ever so grudgingly.

I loved it. I devoured this book in the course of one day (well ok, half of it was during a long, sleepless night last night, but still technically one day). The heroine Sarah was charming to the reader, awkward to those around her, and very believable. She makes a lot of the dumb mistakes I do.

What did you think of how Sarah was portrayed?

How did you relate to Sarah in the beginning of the book? Her wedding? Her talking to Amestris to explain the plot? Her way of finding out about Teipes? Riding without complaint?

What about the line I should have prayed before...

Your Account is with me...

Let's look at page 205 and 206...207 "I want David's why" Page 208: "I had even meant some of them"

The conversation that Sarah has with Nehemiah about not being good enough in her fathers' eyes. Nehemiah says: "He pronounced them good not because of what they had accomplished, but because of who He made them to be." "My child, the Lord's care for you has never depended on what you achieve. You were created for His love, not to be His work mule. Your accomplishments are meant to be a response to that love, instead you have made love a response to your accomplishments." (page 266-67) "My work is a small part of me-an assignment from God.

PG 330... I had thought... how the title of the book came about... a vineyard of rubies... what did you think of the analogy?

What did you think of the ending of the book?

Has anyone tried the recipes?

Compared to the others we have read how would you rate this one?

What did you take away from this book?

How would you rate this book? 1-5