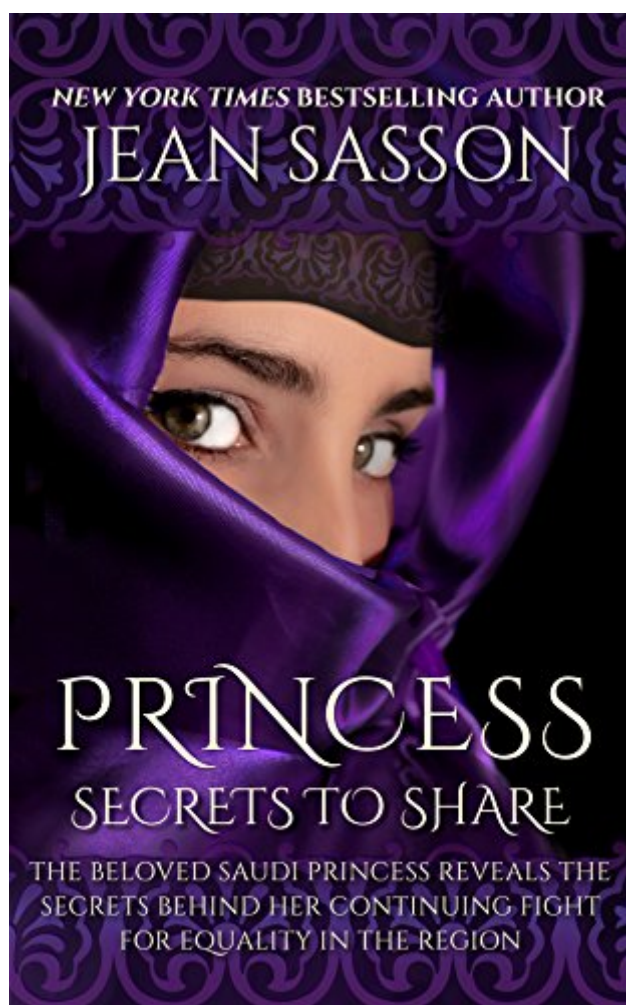


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# Princess: Secrets To Share



## Synopsis

SECRETS TO SHARE is Jean Sasson's explosive and riveting new book. As the world's attention traces the reluctant social advances in the Middle East, Princess Sultana and her female friends and family have stepped forward to rescue young women in the region who are cruelly mistreated by their husbands, their fathers and the brutish ISIS soldiers who kidnap them. But inside the Princess's lavish Saudi Arabian palace, sparks of anger and bolts of fear crackle because of the secrets kept to forward her efforts to help women and children. Kareem is furious when Sultana guards Maha's secret to volunteer to help traumatized children at a refugee camp in Turkey. When a beautiful Yemeni woman visits the royal palaces of Saudi Arabia, Sultana is saddened, yet mesmerized to be told the story of the woman's seven marriages. Meanwhile, Kareem's father takes a new wife and Princess Sultana is blamed. Jean Sasson is author of thirteen bestselling books, including New York Times bestseller PRINCESS: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia and of GROWING UP BIN LADEN: Osama's Wife and Son Take Us Inside Their Secret World.

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## Customer Reviews

This book series will always be my favorite. As usual, when I picked up this newest book, I could NOT put it down. This book appeals to readers of the previous series and new readers alike, as all past occurrences are explained at least briefly. But, you definitely get much more out of this book if you've read the series. I don't say that because it's confusing, but because you genuinely get to watch the characters, who are real people, grow as they age. It makes reading the series so incredibly satisfying knowing that these are real events, and getting to know her family and watch them change. There are many pressing stories that are discussed through this new book, but the most obvious one is the discussion of Raif Badawi. I have been following his story for months and I was very pleased to know the Princess desired action in this situation. You can feel her passion, and sometimes even desperation or sadness, in every word. So long as the princess lives, I will look forward to hearing about her new fights for women's rights and saving innocents from harm. Another reason I love this book is because of how informative it is. Not only do you get captivated by the Princess' personal life, but you also get captivated by real life conflicts that make it so much more interesting and less complicated to understand. If you are a lover of women deserving proper treatment in society, and a lover of a great, and true narrative, I would highly suggest this book!

If I could give this book a 3.5 stars, I would. The "Princess" books are a series. I believe this is the fifth book in the series. Due to security concerns, it is written by an American author based on her correspondence with a Saudi Arabian Princess named "Sultana". In Sultana's previous books, she discusses life in Saudi Arabia and how it impacts her relatives and immediate family. She explains the difference between how men and women are treated in the country, as well as her attempts to make sure that her daughters can achieve all their dreams despite living in this oppressive society. She speaks about scandals within her own family, as well as scandals within the royal family. Of course, more often than not, the royals are not severely punished for the same behavior that can cause an ordinary citizen to lose a limb, or even their life. At the end of the last book, Sultana and her sisters express a desire to help those less fortunate than them. Therefore, this book "Princess: Secrets to Share" speaks less of her own family and the evolution of Saudi Arabian culture, and instead focuses on her humanitarian endeavors. I would have preferred that she spend more time talking about living under Saudi Arabian rule, how this affects her family (especially her daughters and female grandchildren now that they are all much older), and what has changed in the country both for better and worse. While I feel that it was good and inspiring of her to speak of how she is trying to influence change in Saudi Arabian culture, I would have enjoyed this book more if that was not the focus of her new book, but rather if it read like her past books.

I have read this series from the time the first book came out and have found it to be very informing and interesting in trying to understand a culture other than my own. In many respects it was an eye opener on how another culture lives. Would recommend the whole series.

The "Princess" books by Jean Sasson are in my top fifty books of all time. This was not my favorite. The first four had rich stories woven throughout the entire book. This book felt like 30% stories and 70% of explanations of other stuff that felt like a text book. I was looking for stories, so it might have more to do with me than the book because I had expectations based on prior books. I feel terrible giving a low rating. I kept thinking the stories would re-appear.... When the next book comes out, I will read reviews before buying. I never dreamed that I would not LOVE a book in this series written by Jean Sasson!!! Never!

Jean Sasson writes these books and many people read them. Why is it that we don't have an uprising to force change on the treatment of women and girls in those countries? It is a sad day in my lifetime to know that we read these books and do nothing. I have been hooked since "Princess" and can not believe nothing has changed.

Excellent book! I fell in love with the main character and her family. She expressed herself with such strong feelings that made me feel for the woman and girls who suffer in her country. I recommend this book to everyone wanting to know about the plight of women in other countries. It's a real eye-opener.

I first read the "Princess" trilogy about a year ago. I was hooked. This woman's amazing compassion, courage, and determination to help suffering women throughout the Arab world is extremely inspiring. She is fearless and relentless in her goals and uses her position to fight injustice. Anyone with an interest in human rights will find this book impossible to put down.

The books on the life of Princess Sultana of Saudi Arabia provide an excellent window into life in Saudi Arabia today. Princess Sultana is a remarkable woman for opening her doors and allowing us to visit her and see life behind the veil.

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