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In Bathsheba, Torgny Lindgren creates a world as rich, strange, and distnrbing as one is likely to find in fiction. It is the time of King David, who rules the Israelites by divine right. But David succumbs to his earthly impulses when he sees Bathsheba bathing and knows he must have her. Snatched by David from hcr husband, Bathsheba displays maturity and strength of

character unusual in one so young, and exerts a powerful fascination over David. In this rich reworking of the ()hi Testameu! story of David and Bathsheba, Lindgren shows us a woman who is not only the power behind the throne but a woman far ahead of her time. Through the fall of Rabbah, the rape of Tamar, and Absalom s bauishment, Bathsheba s power in the kingdom grows, as does the imperfect hut inviolable love site shares with her king. Finally, as David experiences the eroding of his ahnost mythical power and virility, Bathsheba realizes hcr greatest triumph: the king s promise that her son, Solomon, will be the future king.

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