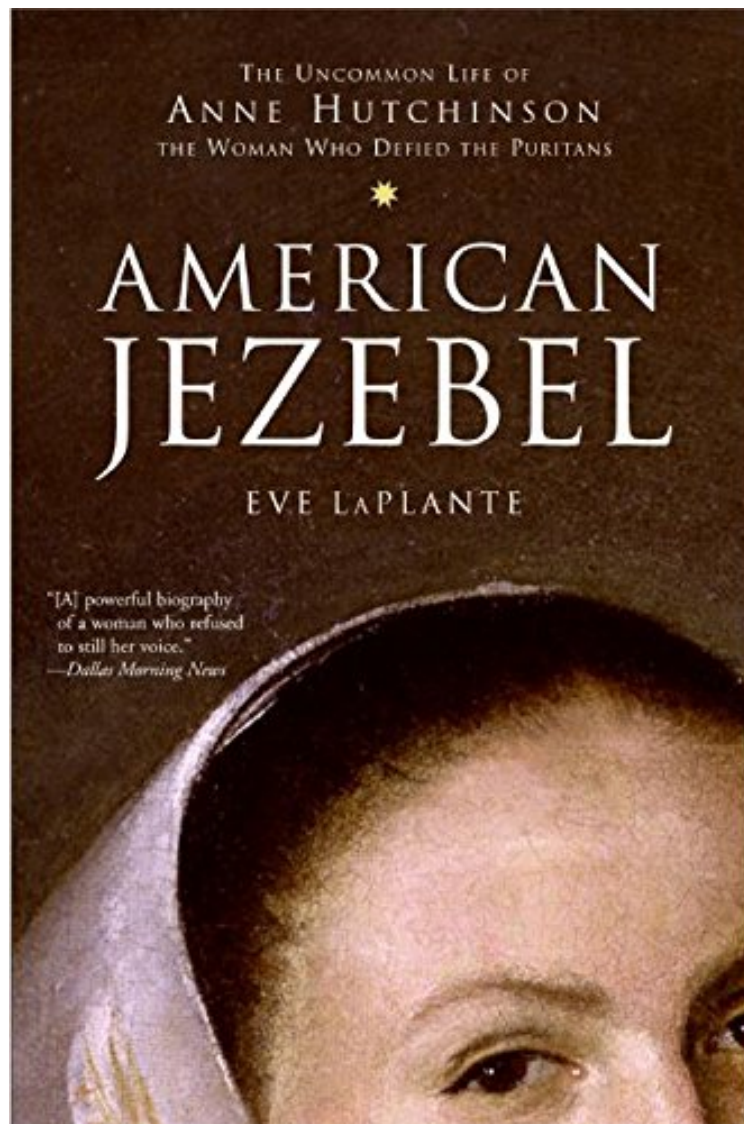


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**Eve LaPlante : American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans:

48 of 51 people found the following review helpful. A compelling story laden with Puritan theology  
By Jane Magill  
This book is about an English woman, Anne Marbury Hutchinson who left England with her husband and 12 children in 1633 to come to Boston where she felt she could be free to practice her brand of Puritanism. She found out that many of the Puritan ministers in Boston were just as offended by her expressing her ideas as the hierarchy of the Church of England was. Women just did not do this. As a successful midwife she had the ear of many Boston women and she used it to her advantage, helping them to understand how to be saved. This apparently was a constant worry for Puritans. The women raved about Anne and soon she began having informal gatherings in her home for both men and women to discuss religious topics. Things began to deteriorate in the Puritan community when she started criticizing local Puritan ministers and their sermons at her informal gatherings. After complaints from the Puritan ministers the government got involved and soon Anne was charged and brought to trial. The story is a compelling one and well written, but the author spends a significant part of the book on the details of the differences in theology between the different Puritan factions in Boston. Perhaps it was necessary but it was difficult to wade through.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The American Jezebel was a tremendous heroine in her time and for all Time to come.  
By Billy Carnahan  
I was reminded of the extraordinary authority and control 17th Century Christian Organizations possessed over their members. I knew women's lives were severely limited and controlled by men and society. But I did not know Anne Hutchinson's Story. Anne was a remarkable woman, she set the example American woman badly needed in the early years of America and thereafter.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Loved the story  
By ms becky  
I could totally relate to Anne whose only crime was being a female minister who answered only to the Holy Spirit. As a female minister myself, I thank Anne for blazing the way. Amazing to me is that the religious Pilgrims thought they were 'free' to worship, yet created their own 'rules' that banished Anne. Good read.

In 1637, Anne Hutchinson, a forty-six-year-old midwife who was pregnant with her sixteenth child, stood before forty male judges of the Massachusetts General Court, charged with heresy and sedition. In a time when women could not vote, hold public office, or teach outside the home, the charismatic Hutchinson wielded remarkable political power. Her unconventional ideas had attracted a following of prominent citizens eager for social reform. Hutchinson defended herself brilliantly, but the judges, faced with a perceived threat to public order, banished her for behaving in a manner "not comely for [her] sex." Written by one of Hutchinson's direct descendants, *American Jezebel* brings both balance and perspective to Hutchinson's story. It captures this American heroine's life in all its complexity, presenting her not as a religious fanatic, a cardboard feminist, or a raging crank as some have portrayed her but as a flesh-and-blood wife, mother, theologian, and political leader. The book narrates her dramatic expulsion from Massachusetts, after which her judges, still threatened by her challenges, promptly built Harvard College to enforce religious and social orthodoxies making her the mid-wife to the nation's first college. In exile, she settled Rhode Island, becoming the only woman ever to co-found an American colony. The seeds of the American struggle for women's and human rights can be found in the story of this one woman's courageous life. *American Jezebel* illuminates the origins of our modern concepts of religious freedom, equal rights, and free speech, and showcases an extraordinary woman whose achievements are astonishing by the standards of any era.

From Publishers Weekly  
\*Starred.\* LaPlante, an 11th-generation granddaughter of Hutchinson, provides a fast-paced and elegant account of Hutchinson's life and work, including the reasons that Hutchinson's teachings threatened the fabric of Puritan theology. By the time she was born, her father, Francis Marbury, had already been in and out of jail for challenging the religious authority of the Anglican priests in England. His continuing nonconformity, according to LaPlante, had a lasting impact on Hutchinson's own views of religious authority. Hutchinson also learned from the Reverend John Cotton that God's revelation to individuals occurred mystically as a kind of inner light and did not require a formal religious setting. After she moved to the colonies with her husband, William Hutchinson, she began to teach that men and women could attain salvation not through performing religious works but through this inward grace. The Puritans, who emphasized that the covenant of works was the only guarantee of salvation, charged her with antinomianism (an attack against the law of God) and with violating God's commands that a woman should not teach. LaPlante offers a stimulating account of Hutchinson's eloquent self-defense at her trial. Knowing that the magistrates had no religious or political grounds to convict her, since a woman was not a subject of the law, Hutchinson stymied their questioning. LaPlante's first-rate biography offers glimpses into the life and teachings of a much-neglected figure in early American religious history. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.  
From Booklist  
Much ado is often made over the contributions of the founding fathers to the liberties Americans enjoy today, but with rare exceptions, such as the achievements of Abigail Adams and Betsy Ross, the roles women played in formulating our national philosophy are very little known. Moreover, the stories that are known include only scanty information about the players' personal history and their words. Thanks to LaPlante, at least some of Anne Hutchinson's words are preserved in this well-researched account of her testimony against charges of heresy and sedition before the Massachusetts General Court in 1637. Declared an American Jezebel by Massachusetts' first

governor, John Winthrop, Hutchinson is portrayed here as a feminist and a fighter for religious freedom, who eventually was banished to Rhode Island. As LaPlante paints a fascinating portrait of this complex mother of 15 and delineates her heresy by clarifying the distinction between her beliefs and those of her Puritan adjudicators, she deftly depicts the gritty world of colonial New England, too. Donna Chavez Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved [A] powerful biography of a woman who refused to still her voice. (Dallas Morning News) A powerful and fascinating book that deserves wide reading. (Boston Globe) [A] well-researched account... LaPlante paints a fascinating portrait... [and] deftly depicts the gritty world of colonial New England. (Booklist) What true heroes can I tell my students about? read LaPlante's biography to make [Hutchinson] and her courage come alive. (--Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*)... charming exploration of the life and times of Anne Hutchinson.... A personal and appreciative tribute. (--Edwin Gaustad, author (with Leigh E. Schmidt) of *A Religious History of America*) [t]he most significant woman in pre-Revolutionary America... rescued from obscurity and re-introduced to 21st Century America. (Peter J. Gomes, author of *The Good Life*) [a] spirited biography of Anne Hutchinson LaPlante's rendering suggests how deeply resonant that history remains. (--Leigh E. Schmidt, Princeton University) This book is New England history at its best.... it carries with it a message for today as well.. (--Michael Dukakis, former Governor of Massachusetts) A vivid account, full of surprising twists and turns... richly documented.... (-- Susan Quinn, author of *Marie Curie: A Life and A Mind of Her Own: A Life of Karen Horney*) *American Jezebel* is stunning book, exquisitely written, it fills in a crucial piece of American history. (--Carol Gilligan, author of *In A Different Voice* and *The Birth of Pleasure*) Fast-paced and elegant... LaPlante's first-rate biography offers glimpses into the life and teachings of a much-neglected figure. (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) [Hutchinson's] legacy lives on, and *American Jezebel* comes as a timely reminder of the causes she held dear: (BookPage) [LaPlante] makes her kinswoman's fate into a riveting drama... an enthralling narrative. (--The New York Sun) [Hutchinson's] crime and her trial are skillfully recounted.... [a] satisfying history. (--Providence Journal Book ) Remarkably successful... traces the vein of an ongoing ambivalence about powerful public women in America... particularly good on the sexual mores of the Puritans... (-- Laura Miller, salon.com) [F]ascinating... engaging... What LaPlante has reconstructed here supplies a welcome new podium for a brave Puritan theologian.... (Christian Science Monitor) The most full-scale biography of Hutchinson to date, and a readable, useful account of the challenges women faced... diligently researched and well-crafted. (Minneapolis Star Tribune) A new biography well worth reading... Anne Hutchinson is among the most-neglected, most important figures in United States history. (--Nick Gillespie, Reason Magazine)