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The men and women of Genesis, the great family story of Western civilization, come to life in all their surprising and unabashed humanity in this series of 73 sonnets by Judith Goldhaber, based on Jewish folktales and legends, each illustrated by a watercolor painting by Gerson Goldhaber. Here Eve confronts her rival Cain learns the facts of life and death . . . Noah bakes bran muffins on the Ark . . . Sarah greets a miracle with rude laughter . . . the angel of death begs God to send somebody else! . . . Jacob has a conversation with a wolf . . . Joseph hides a silver goblet in Benjamin s luggage . . and all of them argue stubbornly with God. Poet Judith Goldhaber and illustrator Gerson Goldhaber s previous book was *Sonnets from Aesop* (Ribbonweed Press, 2005), winner of the Independent Publisher Outstanding Book of the Year Award. Those are some of the bouquets that pre-publication reviewers are tossing at SARAH LAUGHED: *Sonnets From Genesis*, coming this fall from Ribbonweed Press. A sparkling rendition of the tales of Genesis, filled with insight, pathos and humor. The poetry and illustrations work their magic together, delighting the eye and beckoning the mind to wonder." (Daniel Matt, *The Essential Kabbalah*) Utterly charming, poem and icon, and cunning way to miraculous Genesis. In the best tradition . . . it illumines the Abrahamic religions. (Willis Barnstone, *The Secret Reader*) Humorous and magical . . . Provides both a fresh perspective for adults and a fun and memorable way to introduce children to the Bible . . . Gerson's Chagall-like paintings add a mystical flavor, while Judith seems to have been born speaking in sonnets . . . (Jendi Reiter, *A Talent for Sadness*) Another delight, in the pattern set by *Sonnets from Aesop* . . . It probes wonderfully through poetry and visual image into a world that is humane, imaginative, surprising. . . . (Reverend Gregory I. Carlson, S.J., Curator, Carlson Fable Collection) Skillful iambic pentameters psychologize well-known Bible tales with not just wit, but wisdom, compassion, and mystery. (Peter Dale Scott, *Crossing Borders*)

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