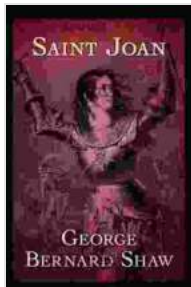


Saint Joan Illustrated: A Literary Masterpiece by George Bernard Shaw

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The Historical Joan of Arc

Joan of Arc was born in Domrémy, France, in 1412. She was a devout Catholic, and she believed that she had been chosen by God to lead the French to victory against the English. In 1429, she joined the French army and quickly rose through the ranks, eventually leading the French to a number of important victories.

Joan's success on the battlefield was due in part to her military genius, but it was also due to her deep faith and her ability to inspire her troops. She was a charismatic leader who was able to motivate her soldiers to fight for their country and for their faith.

However, Joan's success was short-lived. In 1430, she was captured by the English and was put on trial for heresy. She was found guilty and was burned at the stake in Rouen on May 30, 1431.

Shaw's Interpretation of Joan of Arc

In his play, Shaw presents a complex and nuanced portrait of Joan of Arc. He depicts her as a deeply religious and patriotic young woman who is also a brilliant military strategist. Shaw's Joan is a complex and contradictory figure, and she is often at odds with the other characters in the play.

Shaw's Joan is a deeply religious woman who believes that she has been chosen by God to lead the French to victory. She is also a passionate

patriot who loves her country and is willing to sacrifice her life for it. However, Joan is also a flawed human being, and she can be stubborn, impulsive, and even cruel at times.

Shaw's play explores the many different facets of Joan's character, and it provides a fascinating glimpse into the historical events that shaped her life. *Saint Joan Illustrated* is a must-read for anyone interested in history, literature, or theater.

The Themes of *Saint Joan Illustrated*

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Shaw's play explores the nature of faith through the character of Joan of Arc. Joan is a deeply religious woman who believes that she has been chosen by God to lead the French to victory. However, her faith is often tested by the events that she experiences during the war. She is forced to witness the death and destruction that war brings, and she begins to question the nature of God's plan for her.

Shaw's play also explores the role of women in society. Joan is a strong and independent woman who is able to lead men into battle. However, she is also constantly undermined and criticized by the men around her. Shaw's play shows the many challenges that women faced in the 15th century, and it raises questions about the role of women in society today.

Finally, Shaw's play explores the dangers of war. Joan is a passionate patriot who loves her country and is willing to sacrifice her life for it. However, she is also aware of the terrible cost of war. She sees the death

and destruction that war brings, and she begins to question the value of war.

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The Illustrations of *Saint Joan Illustrated*

The illustrations in *Saint Joan Illustrated* are an important part of the play. They help to bring the story to life and to create a vivid picture of the historical events that shaped Joan's life.

The illustrations in *Saint Joan Illustrated* were created by Charles Ricketts, a British artist who was known for his work in the Art Nouveau style. Ricketts' illustrations are beautiful and evocative, and they capture the spirit of Shaw's play. The illustrations help to create a sense of time and place, and they bring the characters to life.

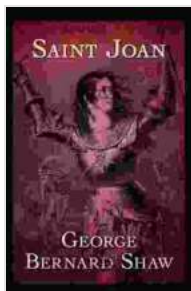
The illustrations in *Saint Joan Illustrated* are a valuable addition to the play. They help to make the play more accessible to readers, and they provide a valuable visual interpretation of Shaw's work.

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