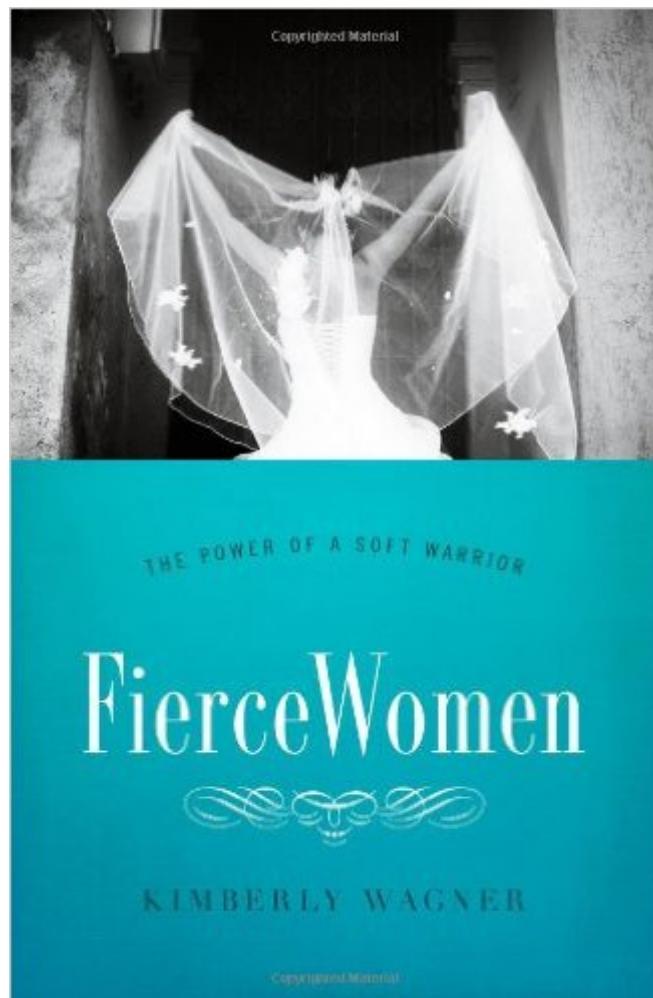


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Fierce Women: The Power Of A Soft Warrior (True Woman)



Synopsis

Can you have a strong personality and still be a godly wife? YES! Do you ever get the idea that being a godly wife means you need to be a mousy doormat? Be as unnoticeable as a doorknob? Or have a personality transplant? *Fierce Women: The Power of a Soft Warrior* smashes that idea. No matter whether you're an extrovert or more introverted, Kimberly Wagner believes women are created to be a compelling force. You may not see yourself as beautifully fierce or even slightly strong, but what if God has placed a powerful fierceness within you, within every woman? Kim admits her fierceness became a source of conflict in her marriage, but the relationship dynamic totally changed when she discovered her fierce strengths could be used to encourage and inspire her husband. She invites you to come alongside as she takes an honest look at a destructive relationship dynamic and casts a vision for the transformation God can bring to troubled marriages. A True Woman Book; the goal of the True Woman publishing line is to encourage women to: Discover, embrace, and delight in God's divine design and mission for their lives Reflect the beauty and heart of Jesus Christ to their world Intentionally pass the baton of Truth on to the next generation Pray earnestly for an outpouring of God's Spirit in their families, churches, nation and world

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Customer Reviews

I fell for it hook, line, and sinker. While on another website, I saw an advertisement for this book and the title pulled me right in: *Fierce Women, The Power of a Soft Warrior*. What's that all about? So I

clicked the link to find out. I still wasn't really sure if this was a book I would like or not, so I went ahead and ordered it to find out. Mostly, it's a book to help married women better fulfill their role as a wife. Kimberly Wagner always admired "fierce" women. The problem is that she had the wrong idea about strength. It almost ruined her marriage to a wonderful man (and pastor). While I was reading Wagner describe her fierce personality, at first I was thinking, "Oh yeah, I've come across some women like this." But as I read further, I saw some glimpses of my own destructive fierceness in her depiction. For example, in one of the many examples of other relationships that she gives, she shared a conversation with a couple about the power the wife really has over her husband: "Oh, she only has to give me a certain look and she can bring me to my knees!" I watched her give him a bewildered look and ask in shock "I can?" He was a successful, seemingly confident man, but he readily admitted how his wife's disapproval could strongly derail him (41). My husband has told me something like this before and I could never understand what the big deal was. After reading this book, I have become more sensitive to the design of my own fierce strengths, and how God would have me use them to better encourage him. When a woman is destructively fierce, Wagner explains how that can affect her husband in two different ways. A normally confident man can become very intimidated by his wife, and cower in passivity.

Reading *Fierce Women* twice in the span of two weeks has got to be a first. I felt like the author was sitting on my deck, coffee cup in hand encouraging me to be a soft warrior and not an aggressive fierce woman. As the author says "Fierceness can become an asset or a detriment in marriage. She admits fierceness became a source of conflict in her marriage." As I began reading, not able to put the book down I realized I had been not been the soft warrior addressed so well in this book. Kimberly weaves her own story through the pages with transparency and authenticity writing it because of the destruction taking place in her own marriage. "Lord, change him," was her prayer. She didn't realize that ingratitude, pride and fear were leading her down a "lonely, cruel path." Fierceness is "grabbing onto the hem of God's will, not letting go; not ugly, raw aggression." God's glory is the purpose of marriage and Kimberly has given women a tool to pursue that purpose. With honesty and humility her story is told as God brings her to her knees in a cabin in the woods. I appreciated her chapter on *There's No One Else Like My Man!* Stating emphatically that men and women are different, which is a good thing. The line has been blurred in our culture today and she explains well how that came to be and how we as women of God can encourage our men to be MEN. I also enjoyed the chapter *What's The Big Deal About Marriage Anyway?* Explaining God's intention for marriage. Kimberly does comment several times in the book that bad marriages

don't just happen, nor are they the fault of just the wife. This book written to women is Christ-centered and full of the Word of God, the only place where answers to all of life can be found.

A couple weeks ago I was asked to read and review the book Fierce Women. Admittedly, I had no idea how much I needed to read this, and how much it would speak to my heart. The book is written by Kimberly Wagner, who uses her own life experiences as a pastor's wife and all-around intimidating church lady (as well as the captivating stories of other women) to share her thoughts on what it means to be a godly fierce woman, and how often we of strong personalities misuse our fierceness to walk all over the people in our lives. Especially our husbands. Wagner addresses the heart issues that can drive women to offend and alienate the people around them, and urges readers to instead use that very fierceness to cultivate a passion for the Lord and for others. But don't think these chapters condemn all the qualities of a fierce woman in the hopes of making us all mousy doormats. Uh uh. Wagner reveals how we can cultivate healthy attributes like faithfulness, determination, passion, courage, devotion, and perseverance, whilst putting a hard stop to the sinful side of fierceness like manipulation, aggression, anger, pride, and intimidation. Wagner shares much of her own marital struggles in which she spent years alienating her husband because of her own destructive fierceness. She writes, 'I don't think most of us realize how much we affect our husbands, and I think we're often unaware of when our God-given strengths transform into this destructive fierceness. I know I was. I really thought my husband was the problem in our relationship.' The author also takes time to address cultural influences on women and how that influence has often assigned opposite roles to men and women and drastically damaged marriage in the process.

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