

Joan of Arc: Contradictions of Female Heroism

with Oliva M. Espín



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Community Room

Who was Joan of Arc? Was she a hero, a saint, a witch, a martyr, a patriot, a mentally ill person, or a visionary? Artists have depicted her in paintings, films, books, posters, sculptures. She is part of the Western imagination as a woman who challenged traditions and stereotypes and changed the course of French history. Contradictory ideas about her illustrate the fact that Joan of Arc is one of the most paradoxical historical figures and a symbol of female heroism. **Oliva M. Espín, PhD**, is Professor Emerita in the Department of Women's Studies at San Diego State University and the California School of Professional Psychology.



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