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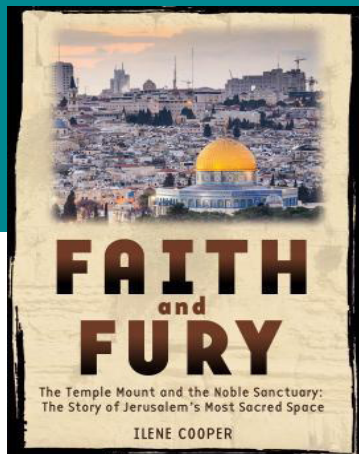
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Book Review

Faith and Fury: The Temple Mount and the Noble Sanctuary: The Story

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Excellent

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A rough stone enshrined in a golden dome connects three major religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Why is it so important? Located in the Old City of Jerusalem, the stone and its presence in temples and mosques figure prominently in stories about Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael, David, Solomon, Alexander the Great, Jesus Christ, Constantine, and Muhammad. For thousands of years, the rock has survived through war and peace, destruction and reconstruction atop what is known as the Temple Mount to Jews and Christians or the Noble Sanctuary to Muslims. Enter the legendary and true history up to the present day of people vying for possession of one of the world's most sacred spaces.

This resource provides an unbiased, approachable text on a worldwide, controversial issue that continues to have modern importance. Young adult readers will appreciate the definitions of religious and historical terms, the key details of otherwise complicated stories, and the maps, photographs, diagrams, and timeline. Giving equal attention to archeological discoveries and the narratives of each religion involved, author Ilene Cooper takes care to allow readers to form their own opinions on the rightful heritage of Jerusalem and its Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary—and to be informed about the political decisions in limbo today.

*Contains mild violence.