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**Ida Laura Pfeiffer : Visit to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Italy, A** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Visit to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Italy, A:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing AdventureBy Jimmie JonesThis woman is a wonder, traveling to distant countries in the mid 1850s without a male companion. She rides horses across blazing deserts and visits dangerous places seemingly without fear. I enjoyed every minute of her adventures and marveled at her courage. I would have loved to have met her.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Do NOT waste your time - even if you got it freeBy Mariann O.I knew she was not a writer - but she did not have to mention it in every chapter. I slogged through the book hoping to find some merit in it. I have been to Rhodes and Malta - and I looked at 700 year old sites and saw beauty and 150 years before, looking at the very same monument she did not see it.....2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Ida PfeifferBy H T NaumerReviewers are always amazed at Freya Stark for travelling "alone," a single lady in the desert, but she always had 20-40 men with her as guides or baggage carriers. Ida Pfeiffer, traveling in 1842, WAS alone, getting around on steamers or sailing vessels and then seeing all the tourist sites on her own or in the company of a few people she met on the trip or a single guide and a camel driver in Arab countries. She even argued with them when they tried to hold her up for bakshesh. She writes very well in a straight-forward descriptive style which is somewhat affected by translation. I have been to many of the places she describes on trips with the AIA (Archaeological Institute of America) which are made up of other tourists, guides, and academic speakers, and I marvel at how she could have done this on her own. The language barrier alone would be formidable. She took letters of introduction and often was put up by those people to whom they were addressed, but sometimes not. She travelled for HOURS a day on camelback, horses(which she had never ridden), and on foot, sometimes

without food or water for long periods of time. Anyone who loves to travel and loves travel and adventure books will love her books!!!!

This book is the account of Ida Laura Pfeiffer's travels abroad. She makes the trip to the Holy Land, Egypt and Italy completely by herself.