First Read: Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad

Introduction

The ancient Greeks and Trojans fought for ten long years over Helen, but why? What forces brought Paris, a Trojan prince, and Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world, together in the first place? In *Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad*, author Rosemary Sutcliff retells the classic story of the Trojan War, which had its mythological origins in a golden apple presented to the "fairest" of the goddesses.