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The Damascus Way



Synopsis

The fledgling church is being scattered by persecution. It is spearheaded by a fanatical young Pharisee who does not realize he is unwittingly aiding a divine mandate to spread the truth "unto the ends of the earth ...". Young Julia has everything money can buy -except for acceptance by either Gentiles or Judeans in Tiberias. When she discovers the secret her beloved Greek father has kept all these years, she is devastated. Julia and her Hebrew mother are indeed less than second-class citizens. Her future is dark with clouds of uncertainty. Jacob, Abigail's brother, is now a young man attempting to find his own place among the community of believers. Does it mean trading away the exhilaration and adventure of his current profession as a caravan guard? Hired by Julia's father to protect a wealthy merchant's caravans on the secretive "Frankincense Trail," Jacob also reluctantly takes on the perilous responsibility of passing letters and messages between communities of believers now dispersed across the land. He is alarmed to discover that Julia, hardly more than a girl, is also a courier. Can their initial mistrust be put aside to accomplish their mission? An earthshaking encounter on the way to Damascus has repercussions far beyond the lives of Julia and Jacob.

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Customer Reviews

I have so enjoyed getting to know Stephen and Abigail, Dorcas and Martha. Each chapter was full of suspense and Biblical truths that I got a vision of what life was like for new believers in the way. Many trials and hardships are seen yet their trust and faith in God grows and touches others lives.

This speaks to me about how our lives should improve others and bring them to the Lord. Much thought was given to this series and written well. I would encourage others to read this series, you won't be disappointed.

I read this book absolutely loved it. I gave it the reading that I did because I enjoyed it so much. Wii characters for rich totally engrossing as well as the storyline. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a great story you and more so same storyline involving people finding Christianity.

Read all three. I felt like I traveled back to a time that I thought I knew about, but these books took me intimately deeper. You will have to read them them to understand because I can't put it into proper words. It was a spiritual journey as well as a beautiful story. Thank you to the author.

I actually started this series just before the movie Risen came out, which made me wonder if the movie was based on the first book in this series. Alas, it wasn't. But this last book in the trilogy - loved it! Janette Oke and Davis Bunn make a good writing duo. I liked how we got to see the progression of the characters in their faith, while also seeing the events from the book of Acts take place (although I would've liked to have seen an appearance by Leah, though I understand why that didn't happen). And, quite honestly, while reading about these characters, it was a reminder to me about certain things in my own walk with the Lord. Nothing seemed contrived; there were no pat answers. I like that! It all fled naturally, nothing seemed forced. Great book!

The Acts of Faith series is a wonderful series that puts you in the middle of what was going on during Jesus' time and after His death and resurrection. You are there traveling the paths of the disciples, hearing the message, witnessing the miracles as one of the people involved. Very enlightening and enjoyable!

This book was wonderful to me. The third in a series, I "knew" the probable outcomes from the developments during the first two books, but the characters were fleshed out even more fully, and the manner in which events occurred were surprising. The way Scriptural events were accurately incorporated into the plot was amazing, and so possible. I felt as though I was actually witnessing the birthing of the church. Geographical locations and period descriptions lend so much authenticity to the story. I personally was awed by the description of a Sandstorm, the sensations that occurred

prior to, during, and afterwards. It was so realistically portrayed and really essential to comprehending the dangers experienced by the people involved. This book is probably one I will reread, and that is very unusual for me! I love writings by Janette Oke and Davis Bunn anyway, but this novel was exceptionally well written. Well done, well done indeed!

What a thrill to find a series so enjoyable to read, yet so full of life-lessons. The Damascus Way is the best of the Acts of Faith Series. However, reading the first two is a must to understand characters revisited in this book. Every section of the book was engaging. I liked the presentation of a Christian husband-wife relationship. Also, I enjoyed the clear teaching that It is our job to listen to Christ and follow his voice. The Holy Spirit will speak to those around us and lead them to Him. Our Christian attitude of caring and service will be a teaching tool to help show them The Way. I highly recommend this series. But especially, The Damascus Way.

I enjoyed this series. It truly increases my faith to step into the lives of these characters. My thoughts about the early church and the work God was doing are stretched through the historical setting and the imagination of the authors. My faith for today is increased as I take heart in all that God has done. All that he will do.

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