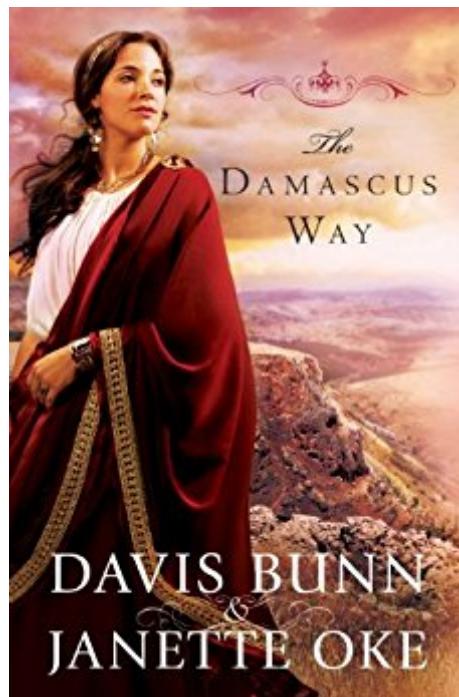


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The Damascus Way, (Acts Of Faith Book 3)



Synopsis

Julia has everything money can buy...except for acceptance by either the Gentiles or the Jews. Her Greek father already has a wife and family, leaving Julia and her Hebrew mother second-class citizens. But when they are introduced to followers of the Way, they become part of that community of believers. Abigail's brother, Jacob, now a young man, is attempting to discover his own place as a Christian. He is concerned that being more serious about his faith means trading away the exhilaration of his current profession as a caravan guard. Hired by Julia's father to protect the wealthy merchant's caravans on the secretive "Frankincense Trail"--undercover transport of this highly valuable commodity--Jacob also passes letters and messages between various communities of believers. He is alarmed to find out that Julia, hardly more than a girl, is also a messenger. Can their immediate mistrust be put aside to finally bring their hearts together?

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The Damascus Way, the final installment in Davis Bunn and Janette Oke's "Acts of Faith" trilogy, is a well-written ending to this series. In spite of the book's weaknesses (which I cite below), I found it to be slightly better than the second book (which was slightly better than the first book). Although

this book is not outstanding, it is the best of this trilogy. First, the book's strengths. Unlike book 2, this one is much more of a stand-alone book. Although there are some references to incidents from previous books, and some carryover of characters, readers who haven't read either of the first two books should have no problem with this one. The Damascus Way starts out strong -- takes off right out of the gate, as it were -- with the introduction of Julia; her story line hooked me from the very beginning. In The Damascus Way, the authors have a cast of four main characters, each with their own crisis. They move between each of the various characters smoothly, gradually weaving their storylines together. The authors also seamlessly work in several characters and scenes from the Bible: the Samaritan woman at the well; Cornelius; Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (this baptism scene was especially well-done); and Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus. In fact, Saul is a presence felt all throughout The Damascus Way, since it is set in AD 40 when persecution of the church was ramping up. Although his actual appearances in the narrative are few and brief, he was the primary source of the Christians' fear, and what drove them to scatter from Jerusalem in search of places where they could live and practice their faith in greater safety.

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