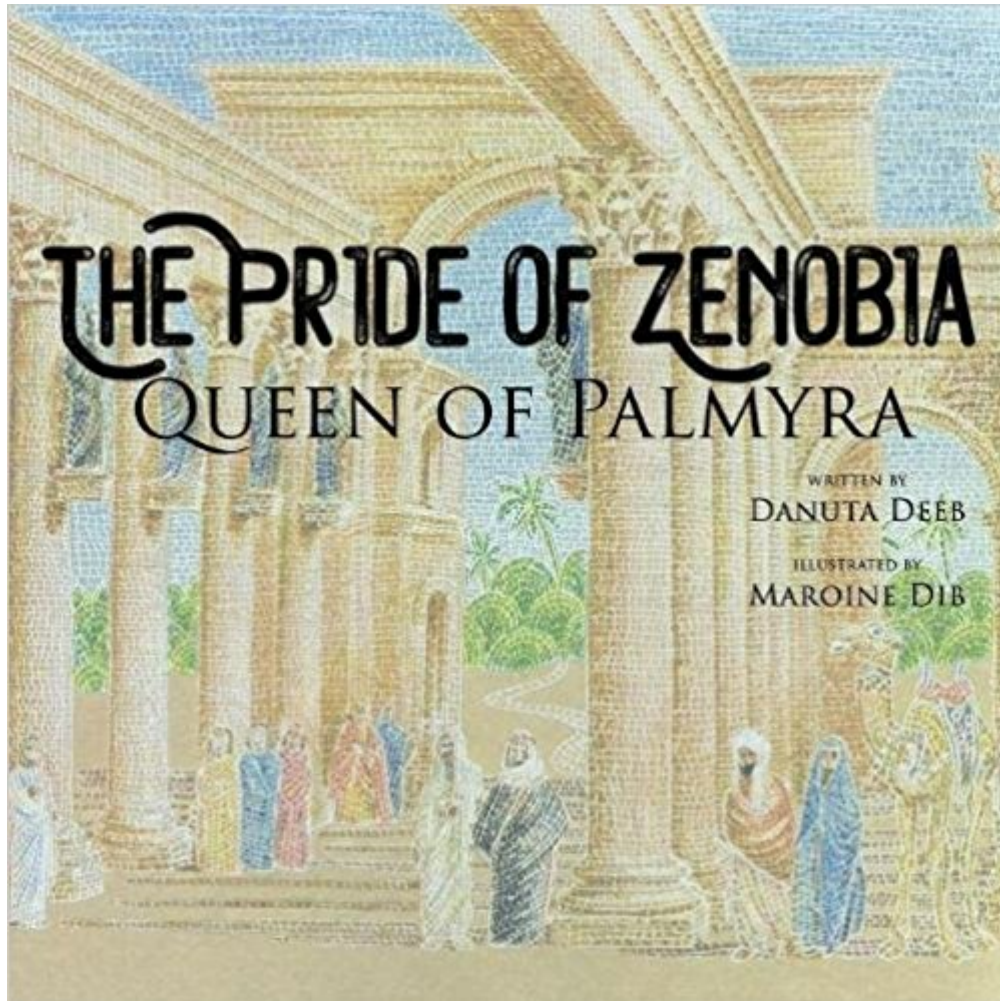




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# The Pride Of Zenobia: Queen Of Palmyra



## Synopsis

It's the year 272 A.D., Zenobia, the sophisticated queen of Syria is not afraid to declare war on the peasant emperor Aurelian of Rome, as she is wanting to expand her dominion over the whole Mesopotamia and Egypt. Unfortunately, she is defeated and Aurelian, proud of his victory, ostentatiously displays her on the streets of Rome shackled in golden chains, only to find himself in love with her beautiful daughter Livia. Zenobia's faithful maid, Salma gives up her dreams of leading a caravan and follows her queen in captivity all the way to Rome. The queen's son, young king Wahballat is able to escape the roman soldiers thanks to the pretty Bacchante Larissa who has been secretly in love with him for a long time. Danuta was born in Latakia, Syria, from a Syrian father and a Polish mother. She grew up in a bilingual school, Carmel St. Joseph, where she was taught Arabic and French. Danuta attended Medical School in Damascus, and underwent training in Preventive Pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children in Paris, France. She completed her Residency in Pediatrics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, and has been in practice in the Orlando area since 1985. Danuta has two sons, and an American husband. She loves Opera, Ballet, classical and contemporary music, and she plays the piano. Danuta states: "I love my job as a pediatrician, taking care of children, and I love to write." Keywords: Zenobia, Palmyra, Syria, Wahballat, Aurelian, Livia, Lucius Piso, Tibur, third century Middle East, caravan, Queen, Roman

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The author is extremely talented and from a multi-cultural background. The novel approach of seeing the ancient world through the eyes of three women from different stations in life makes for a

fascinating bedtime story. Daughters everywhere will want you to read this to them in one sitting!

The Pride of Zenobia: Queen of Palmyra is an interesting read for those who would like an idea of historical intrigue and romance. There is adventure and a changing of course for many of the characters--as, I believe, would be in the real life story of this portion of history. We are written into the stories of a few lay and key persons during this story and their lives intermingle wonderfully. The book is illustrated beautifully--the images are a cartoon mosaics. They are not on every page (this is not a children's book) but placed throughout in a way that allows the readers aid to their imaginations. I received a complementary copy of this book in exchange for my unbiased review.

I am so excited to see this book available on . Ever since I heard it was being published I've been looking forward to reading it, so much so that I am buying the Kindle version so I can start reading it right away AND the paperback so I can enjoy the beautiful illustrations.

The Pride of Zenobia: Queen of Palmyra by Danuta Deeb The book is disjointed in the text, from overlapping characters, the pictures are beautiful mosaics but only illustrate small parts of the text. It tells the power struggle of Rome and its consultant empire in Palmyra.

I am thrilled that a book like this has been written that also attracts teenagers who have an interest in academics and additionally love a romantic perspective. How often do we find a book that is fact-based and flows with the joys, sorrows and the liveliness of a phenomenal story from the past much like that of a true romance novel?! Well Done Danuta!

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