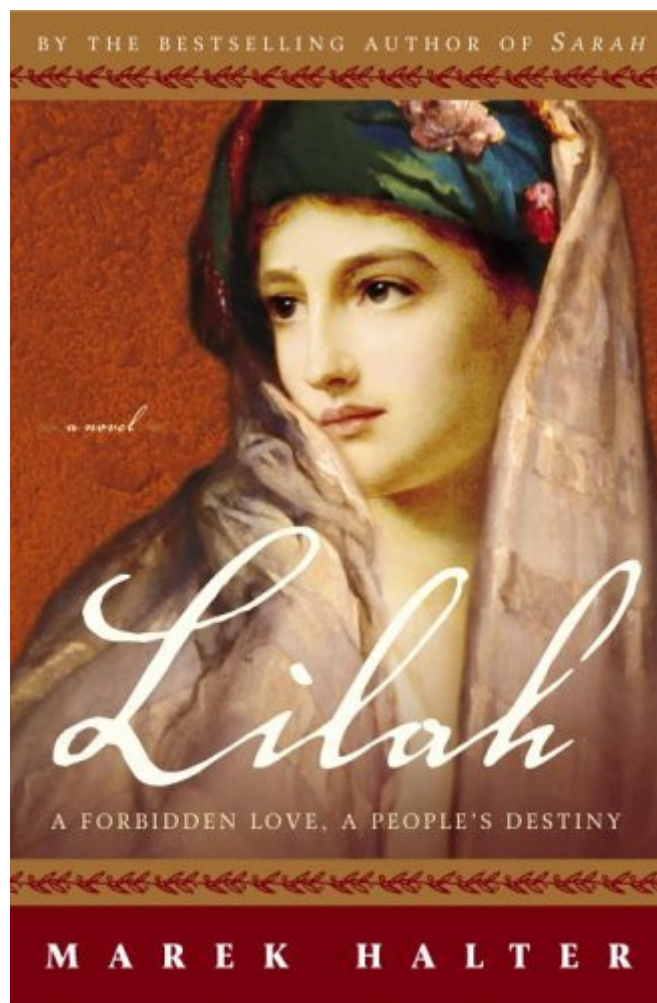


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# Lilah: A Novel



## Synopsis

Set in the magnificent culture of the Middle East more than four thousand years ago, *Lilah* is a rich and emotionally resonant story of faith, love, and courage. Living in exile, Lilah is in love with Antinoes, a Persian warrior. They have known each other since they were children, and Antinoes dearly wants to make Lilah his wife. Yet Lilah does not feel she can marry without the blessing of her brother, Ezra. She and Ezra are close, and Lilah knows her brother well—she does not want his sister to have a husband outside their faith. Ezra is a scholar of the laws of Moses, and Lilah believes it is her brother's destiny to lead the Jewish people back to the Promised Land. While Antinoes pressures her to accept his proposal, Lilah realizes that before she can consider her own happiness, it is her duty to help her brother accomplish the seemingly impossible task that is before him. Putting herself in grave danger, and with the help of Antinoes, Lilah wins Ezra an audience with Artaxerxes II, the King of Kings, who grants permission to lead the exiles on their journey back to the Promised Land. After a hazardous trip across the desert, Lilah, Ezra, and the thousands who join them arrive in Jerusalem. But the hardship of rebuilding the Temple takes its toll, and the religious enthusiasm of some turns to extremism. Ezra, listening to the zealots, orders all non-Jewish wives and their children banished from Jerusalem. Lilah, whose love for Antinoes has never wavered, is horrified by this command. She knows she must now choose between her brother and her conscience, which tells her that the time has come to defy him. *Lilah* is a timeless story of one woman's stand against intolerance; it will linger in the reader's mind long after the last page has been turned. From the Hardcover edition.

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The heroine lived in a very dark time in Jewish history and the book paints Ezra as a very weak character. I thought it was interesting how the author portrayed the years in Jerusalem by having Lilah write a VERY long letter to her husband. The fact that writing then was with a stylus and very difficult makes it seem a bit far-fetched, but it enabled the author to cover history only from her knowledge and feelings.

Purchased this book based on the genre, but haven't regretted it a bit. Lilah is a great story with a great twist, especially for those who remember fondly the stories from the bible, but love the embellishment this author provides. The story is rich, the character development is superb, and the landscape is so vividly described that you can almost feel the ground beneath your feet. This book is part of a trilogy, and I couldn't wait to finish each novel. I will recommend this novel to any one looking for a great story. Also, please look up "The Red Tent" for further reading along the lines of "Lilah." As far as the seller is concerned, I am glad to note that the book arrived in good condition, exactly as described, and on time, too! I would recommend them to other .com shoppers.

I liked Lilah's story. I'm not totally familiar with Ezra's story and his roll in rebuilding Jerusalem but this story is based on Ezra's journey back to Jerusalem to rebuild it. Lilah is his sister and I don't know if the Bible mentions her or even if she has a sister but it is a nice story. I like these kind of books. Historical Biblical Fiction. Give it a try.

I loved Lilah, just as I did the rest of the Canaan Trilogy. Sarah was my favorite, but be fair reviewers. Lilah was a great book. I have never written a review before, but I felt I needed to after reading what had been written about this one. I recommended this trilogy to a neighbor last week before reading all the negative things written here, and I stand by my recommendations. Another fantastic book in the "Biblical Fiction" category is "The Red Tent" (not written by the same author). It

is my absolute favorite.

My cousin's reading group at her synagogue read this book, she recommended it, and I read it on my Kindle. The writing was ok, but I enjoyed the story and found some of its twists and turns most unexpected. Talk about the differences your choices can make. I am thinking about reading the other books in the trilogy because of my pleasant surprise from LILAH.

I loved the story...reading the whole Trilogy has been so rewarding! Marek Halter has such knowledge and compassion, and passion for the Jewish People, the Bible, and the Lord. I want to read more of his work, and plan to..

Another can't-put-it-down book. A page-turner. A very discerning eye for detail. Written from much mediation of Scripture. The only negative point is some missing detail from the French to English translation. Not as fluently translated as the first 2 books of the trilogy. But saying that it is well-translated and VERY WELL WRITTEN. EXCELLENT STORY LINE!

Very wonderful storytelling. Don't read this trying to match it to the Bible. Just enjoy the story and the telling of the story. Our Book Club enjoyed it very much

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