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The Mad Giant (Shioni Of Sheba Book 3)



Synopsis

The giant is growing. His madness is flourishing. And Sheba faces its deadliest peril yet! When Shioni and Talaku, the Mad Giant, encounter a Wasabi patrol near Castle Asmat, they uncover a deadly secret: a tunnel through the Simien Mountains used by Kalcha's troops. Have they averted disaster? Or has the trouble for Sheba only just begun? Suspecting Shioni of being Kalcha's spy, General Getu has confined her to the castle. But as the Sheban Elite warriors march into the Simien Mountains in search of Kalcha's encampment, Shioni learns they are already betrayed. Must she disobey the General, steal from the Princess of Sheba, and risk everything in a bid to stop Kalcha's deadly ambush? A race against time through the ancient garnet mines. A bargain with the Mad Giant. Captain Dabir's revenge on Shioni. A battle royal at the bridge over the Mesheha river. Join Shioni of Sheba in her most hair-raising adventure yet! The Mad Giant is the third book in a unique African fantasy adventure series set in the ancient Kingdom of Sheba, for middle grades/secondary age readers. Includes original illustrations by the Ethiopian artist Senait.

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Customer Reviews

Shioni of Sheba Book 3: The Mad Giant by Marc Secchia is a YA fantasy about the Princess of Sheba's slave, Shioni, and her struggles learning new magical powers while protecting her home. Shioni has her hands full with being the guardian and longtime companion of her mistress, Annakiya. The slave girl has three helpers: a tiny winged fairy-like creature named Zi, the giant Talaku who is a general's bewitched son cursed with a growing mind sickness, and the magnificent royal horse named Thunder. Her magical powers are growing. Shioni hears animal thoughts, senses their emotions, and even talks with them. This is a witch's power, and Shioni must hide it or suffer the painful consequences. Even worse, a lighthearted race between the fleet Talaku and her astride Thunder is a disaster. It lands them in the middle of a band of Wasabi warriors scouting the Sheba's country for an invasion. Walking through a trap-filled secret cave passage in the mountains and battling the Wasabi at a bridge ambush are a few of Shioni's adventures. The Mad Giant is a delightful romp filled with fun characters. Lions, hyenas, elephants, and other African creatures are a welcome alternative to the usual fantasy fauna. Shioni's clever spell to defeat the enemy magicians during the Wasabi battle is a satisfying climax to the story. Secchia has done an excellent job creating a fresh fantasy tableau, populating it with relatable heroes and villains, and mixing them together with a twisty plot. The Mad Giant is a recommended fantasy story for middle grades.

The Mad Giant: Shioni of Sheba is the third installment in the Shioni series. I have also read the first two. It continues the adventures of a young white slave girl named Shioni in the kingdom of West Sheba. Of the three books I enjoyed this one the most. The first one had a good amount of adventure and introduced the characters. The second book felt like it lulled a bit since so many of the pages were dedicated to character development but that has paid off in this third book which is full of action and drama. Unlike the first book, where Shioni pretty much did things on her own, in the third book Shioni teams up with three of the other characters which adds dimension. I won't spoil the story by giving out too much of what happens but in this adventure Shioni and her friends risk all to save the kingdom and the people she loves. The story is written for young adults and has a bit more violence than the first two (there are descriptions of the warring tribes' battles, for example) but I think it is no more graphic than other children's books such as the Narnia series. An engaging, enjoyable read. Five stars.

What more can I say, but I really like this series? This book was no exception to that rule. The characters are either very likeable or very hateable (if that's a word). Thank you author for putting

this out in Kindle Unlimited for readers like me and thank you for keeping me happy.

Book 3 of a wonderful series. Read them in order and enjoy being swept away to another time and place.

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