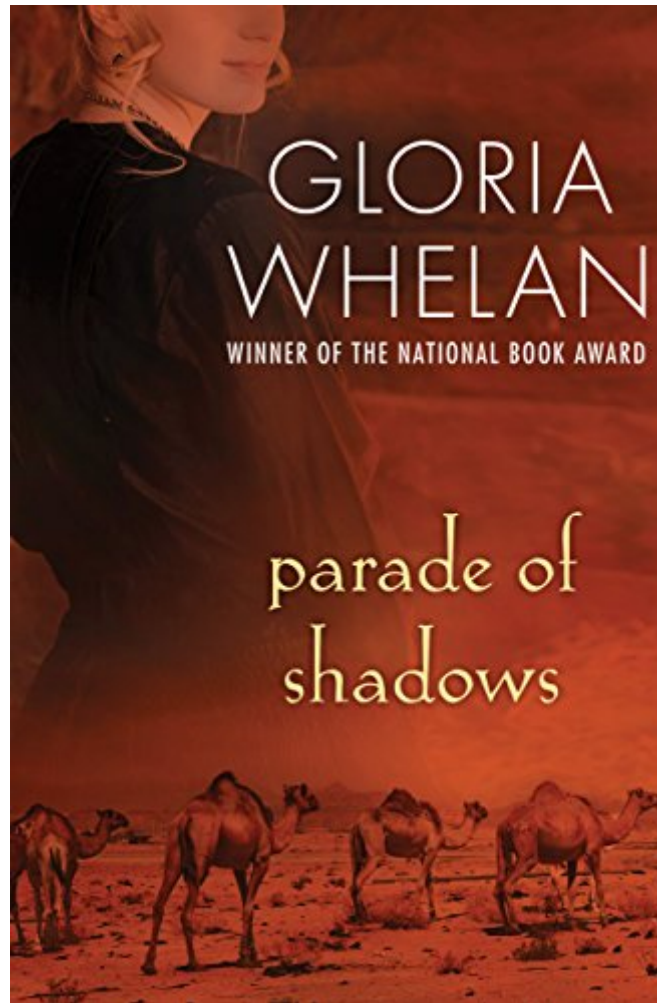




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At the dawn of the Young Turk Revolution, an English girl goes on the adventure of a lifetime. For years Julia has stared at her globe, dreaming of countries on the other side of the earth. In 1907, when her father is assigned to go on a diplomatic mission to the exotic Ottoman Empire, Julia begs him not to leave her alone in the house that has been empty since her mother died. Although Julia is only sixteen and young women rarely travel abroad, her father relents. She will accompany him on his trip—seeing sights she never dreamed of that will change her life forever. The land of the Turks is in the first days of a rebellion, and Julia's father has come to assess the revolt. In the endless deserts of Syria, Julia encounters ruins too old to be imagined, fascinating people, romance, and a revolution that will move her in ways she never thought possible.

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Sixteen year old Julia Hamilton is finally doing something. She's getting a break from her dull, dreary London life. She gets to accompany her father on a trip to the Mediterranean. When she

meets the people she will be touring with, she hits it off well with all of them, especially a handsome Oxford student. However, throughout the trip each member of the party begins to have suspicious and secret missions. When her father gets inexplicably ill, she doesn't know who to trust. This entrancing and beguiling story shows a young girl's transformation into a confident woman who is not afraid to fight for what she believes in. Julia is relatable and the plot is interesting. The cover portrays simplicity at its best. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would strongly recommend it to all mystery lovers. 3 Book Bees Originally posted at [...]

It's 1907, and sixteen-year-old Julia Hamilton lives an uneventful life in London, though she dreams of seeing distant places and having exciting adventures. Her mother died of an illness when Julia was very young and her father is often traveling in his work for the British Foreign Office. When she learns her father is to take a trip to the Middle East, she begs to come along, and to her delight, her father agrees. On the journey, Julia befriends Graham Geddes, a handsome young student from Oxford whom she learns is to be part of their tour group. Graham shows her the sights of the exotic city of Beirut - and also awakens her to the political unrest in the region. Graham is sympathetic to the Young Turks, who wish to reform the Ottoman Empire, a position Julia's father strongly disagrees with. Julia is attracted to Graham but feels torn between him and her father. Their fellow travelers, and even their tour guide, seem to have hidden motives as well. *Parade of Shadows* was another excellent historical novel with a unique setting by Gloria Whelan. Julia was a wonderful character - she starts out as a sheltered young girl, but during her journey she matures and becomes more aware of the world around her. In light of the current situation in the Middle East, it seemed particularly relevant to read about the political unrest that existed there a hundred years ago. I'd highly recommend this book to young adult readers who enjoyed the author's previous novels or who enjoy historical fiction

This book is the first book by Gloria Whelan, and I will definitely be picking up her others sometime soon after reading *Parade of Shadows*. First, it's historical fiction, which I love. But what really makes this book is the characters. They were so well drawn and real. Julia was feisty, exciting, and an utter joy to read about. Graham was mysterious and it's impossible not to have some feelings for him after you're done reading. The writing was beautiful and mysterious and you could never really tell what was going to happen next. All in all, this was an amazing book (except for the ending, which I thought was anti-climactic.) So. Read this book and you will not be disappointed.

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