Adara
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About This Book
Adara has always longed to do the things that well-brought-up girls of her time are not supposed to do. She wants to learn to read and write—like men. And she wants the freedom to travel—like men—outside the boundaries of her sheltered life.

One day she awakens to a blast of trumpets as the Israelites and Arameans battle just outside the safety of her village walls. Curious, Adara sneaks out to see the battle. Little does she know that this will be her last day of freedom for a very long time.

Sold into slavery, Adara becomes a servant to General Naaman and his family and begins a remarkable journey of self-discovery, healing, and redemption—a journey that, in the end, faces her with the hardest decision of her life . . .

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The soldier heaved me over his shoulder as if I were a spring lamb. “I am not Israelite!” I screamed. I beat his back, hurting my hands. “Let me go.”
While Reading
1. Where is Adara from?
2. Who is her family?
3. Why are the people at war?
4. How does Adara’s pride and stubbornness get her into trouble?
5. What do you think will happen to Adara if she gets caught?
6. Would you try to escape from the soldiers if you were Adara?
7. Why don’t the people believe Adara when she tells them who she is?

After Reading
1. How did Adara’s strength and faith get her through her situation?
2. How did Adara get a lesson in humility?
3. If you were Adara, would you have lied about your family not being yours?
4. Would you have gone back home, or stayed with General Naaman?
5. How was Adara’s faith tested? How was her faith rewarded?
6. How would Adara’s life be different if she hadn’t wandered off to see the battle that day? Would it be better or worse?

Activities
1. Get together with 2 or 3 other people and retell Adara’s stories in the same dramatic style that Galya used to tell them. After some practice, tell some stories of your own!
2. Create a map of the journey that Adara took from Ramoth-Gilead (Israel) to Damascus (Syria). Include the lands that they passed through and around.
3. Create a diorama of the ancient temple.
4. Draw a picture of General Naaman’s palace. Include the room where Adara stayed while she was there.
5. Re-create the parade that welcomed the soldiers home. How were Adara and the other slave girls dressed? General Naaman and his soldiers? General Naaman’s wife?
6. Read the story of Eli’s prophesies from the Bible (1 Kings 19- 2 Kings 25).
7. Research King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. (1 Kings 16- 2 Kings 25) Was Jezebel a worthy Queen? Why did so many people hate her? Why did Adara look up to her?
8. How were women treated differently in Bible times compared to today? How did Adara rebel against this treatment? Why do you think she wanted to be like Jezebel?