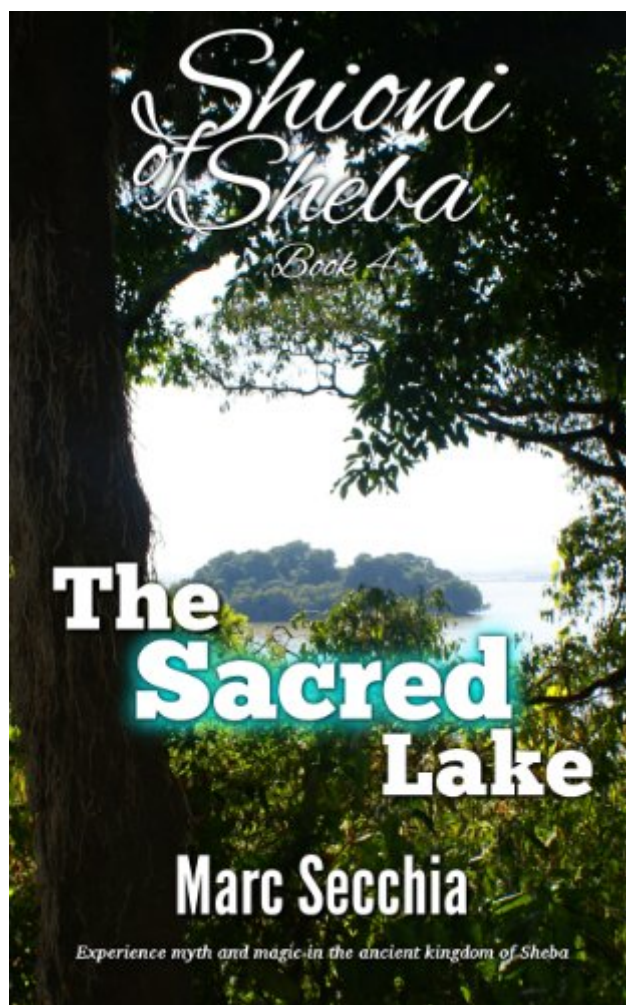


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# The Sacred Lake (Shioni Of Sheba Book 4)



## Synopsis

An epic journey to ancient Gondar, A race to the Sacred Lake, Can a slave-girl win her freedom? The fourth book in a unique African fantasy adventure series set in the ancient Kingdom of Sheba. "... awesome fantasy ..." A journey to Gondar and the Sacred Lake in search of medicine for the stricken King of West Sheba turns into high adventure for Shioni and Princess Annakiya. Only the King can grant Shioni her freedom. But he is dying. From stampeding elephants to flooded rivers, the trail is fraught with danger. But a greater peril lurks in the stone city of Gondar. Can the lion-loving King of Gondar be trusted? What is the hidden menace in his kingdom? A pit full of lions. A heart-stopping rescue. The secrets of Shioni's past. And a mighty battle with an ancient evil ... can Shioni's courage carry the day, save her King, and win the ultimate prize - her freedom? Join Shioni and her friends Princess Annakiya, General Getu, the elephant Shifta, and the Fiuri Azurelle, in this blockbuster adventure that spans the highlands of ancient Ethiopia. From the dark Simien Mountains to the deep secrets of the island of Tana Qirqos, non-stop adventure awaits. Includes original illustrations by the Ethiopian artist Senait Worku.

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The wait for Book 5 will be unbearable!! Shioni grows and develops so much in The Sacred Lake that it's nearly impossible to do this book justice in a review! She is beginning to understand her mysterious abilities and to question their source and the almost overwhelming responsibilities that accompany power and the temptations to misuse or abuse it. Having been mistreated by many as a slave, how many of us would not be sorely tempted to use growing magical, mystical powers for revenge and retribution? Unlike most of us young Shioni delves deeply into her own motivations and, through the help of those who believe in her inherent goodness, she realizes that she must fight temptation and not fear her developing powers but learn about, from, and through them to help people, even some who have been less than kind to her. The battle with Haile is a critical point in driving her choices in her own life and the results have her evaluating concepts such as freedoms we may take for granted come with unexpected responsibilities! A difficult concept for young people who are itching to be grown up so they don't have to follow rules anymore! LOL!! The Sacred Lake is a culmination of many branches of the various plots in a fast-paced page-turner I had difficulty putting down. I look forward to the next book (please hurry, Marc!) as I can't wait to see where this master storyteller will take Shioni and us next!! I absolutely love the series from so many aspects I can't list them all. Suffice it to say it's a terrific coming of age story with superb characters, settings, and intertwined plots with good values, lessons, philosophies, and life experiences without preaching or seeming forced down a young reader's throat.

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