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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 3-5—Another beautifully illustrated biography by the talented artist. Demi depicts the life of the great conqueror from his birth in 356 BCE to his death in 323 BCE. Her familiar and detailed style shows a segment from Alexander's life on every page. Using mixed media, she includes an abundance of red and gold inks to emphasize her subject's royal heritage. Framed scenes include Alexander as an infant with his parents, Queen Olympias and King Philip II; his tutoring by Aristotle; and his many battles across Persia, Asia Minor, and beyond. The text focuses on the facts and general time line of Alexander's life. There is not a lot of elaboration, but no matter. Students wishing for more depth or a different slant may be interested in Peter Christy's *Alexander the Great: Legend of a Warrior King* (DK, 2000) or Vicky Shecter's *Alexander the Great Rocks the World* (Darby Creek, 2006). Overall, this book is a stunning introduction to one of history's most-noted figures. *Roxanne Burg, Orange County Public Library, CA*

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Demi brings her unmistakable style to this pithy biography of the great Macedonian conqueror. Short paragraphs trace Alexander's childhood and then his series of increasingly magnificent military campaigns as he conquered his way from Greece through Persia and into Asia. Readers may wonder a bit about the disconnect between some of his exploits: after the Greeks rebelled and Alexander "quickly crushed them by fighting and winning every battle," a couple pages later he "freed the Greek cities under Persian control." While Alexander comes across as a fiercely dominant figure, slaughtering any who opposed him and destroying cultures left and right, the treatment here favors opulence over bloodshed. The delicately lined figures, highlighted in red and, of course, gold, float against dreamy watercolor backgrounds, and scenes of rows upon rows of soldiers lowering their massive spears to attack practically bristle with energy. A welcome, handsome introduction to history's most successful general, this picture book concludes with a dazzling, gilded map that traces the route he slashed through antiquity. Grades 4-7. --Ian Chipman

About the Author

Demi was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and now lives in Yarrow Point, Washington. Demi is the author and illustrator of more than one hundred children's books, including picture-book biographies. Her work has received numerous awards and accolades.

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