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Jess Kissir says

I really enjoyed the historical accuracy of this novel and the writer's style, but I wish there was just one novel that did not portray Akhenaten as a deformed lunatic. I guess I'll have to write it myself! Seriously though, this was a great read if you are as obsessed with the Amarna period as I am!

Rae says

A fun historical novel about the Pharaoh Akhnaton, his queen Nefertiri and the manner in which his religious fanatacism became monotheism for all of Egypt. I think the author took some liberties with the facts (or it could just be that the book is dated), but the story was really entertaining, nonetheless.

Sarah Mac says

DNF.

I can't even deal with this. The prose is so grammatically correct & finely tuned (overly tuned, IMO) that it comes off as lifeless & stilted. The epic block paragraphs o' Literary Fiction(tm) make my eyes cross with boredom.

Also, a pet peeve is trotted out with alarming regularity; i.e., the translation of cultural things that would be best left to context, even if the reader might not know exactly what they're referring to. Examples: *They gave me the most important of all, the 'Ankh,' or symbol of life, which comes every day from the God Amon...* or *She stands in the prow of the barge, which is painted with electrum, the mixture of gold & silver so popular with the highborn...*

Um. Yeah. These characters are narrating first person IN THE TIME THEY LIVED. They're not going to explain that shit. We don't write blogs wherein we say "I unpacked my new iPod today -- that is, the device which holds all my digital music -- and charged it while watching DaVinci's Demons on Netflix -- the arch-rival of Hulu, another streaming tv network."

Nope. Not gonna happen. Goodbye & good riddance.

Kate says

Beloved Aunt Sharon recommended this to me as a teen and I adored it - it was a very absorbing, ficitonal account of Akhenaten and tried to explain why he was such a weirdo (no, it does not involve aliens).

Sharon Mullins says

Akhenaten

He was the epitome of a madman, she a beauty that's never been repeated in history! Drury has caught and put out the most famous dynasty ever, the 18th! A well written book

Anne says

sadly, I was not impressed. I will say that the characters are drawn out well... I can picture them clearly, and their motivations are understood... this is the main reason I kept reading. I was bored with large parts of the story though.

Kristyn Jensen says

At first I didn't really like his writing style of switching characters, but fairly quickly that changed. It was so intriguing to get a feel for all the characters and what a unique way to tell a story. The history is a little off due to some more recent archeological finds, but it was still a very good take on this incredible time in history when one man chose to live by his beliefs instead of tradition.

Naticia says

A 'sweeping psychological drama' seems to come closest to describing this book. I loved the multiple POV style - partly because new characters introduced themselves! Amazing.

David Kamioner says

Melodrama in ancient Egypt. good stuff especially on the tortured and creepy Akhneton.

Lucy Beale Partridge says

Powerful. Almost scary peek into the machinations of the Pharaohs and their families. Insightful.

Vicki Cline says

This is the first of a two-book series about the pharaoh Akhenaten, his wife Nefertiti and brother and successor Tutankhamon. Akhenaten upset the powerful priests of the god Amon when he replaced all the

gods of Egypt with the single god Aten, the sun. This book starts with the birth of Akhenaten and follows the palace intrigue around who really has the power in Egypt. It's told in separate narratives by different people near the royal family. I like the viewpoints of these people as they change over time.

Lisa says

This book was so good even though I must confess I was scared to read about something such a world away from my comfort zone...the names, the language & the customs are so alien to me being a complete novice concerning Ancient Egypt.

I needn't have worried - the diary style of the book puts you straight into the mindset of the main characters and everything is explained perfectly...and is fascinating.

Let's face it people are people not matter what time or place!

Big thanks to Randee for recommending this as I've never read anything concerning Ancient Egypt before and I will be reading the follow up book ...and hopefully others for this time period.

bkwurm says

I read this a long time ago and always wanted to own a copy. But it was out of print and I never found it until Amazon and the kindle came along. So bought it, re-read it and it is still an entertaining read.

The story of Egypt's heretic pharaoh. Excellent historical fiction that holds up even after decades.

What was jarring was the account of how the original heir who had been dedicated to Ptah, was murdered by the priests of Amon. It seems surprising that given the number of priests involved, more than 100 from Amon and 200 plus priests of Ptah as witnesses, the pharaoh was unable to have the Amon priesthood punished.

Lewis Kirby says

I have read this book (and the sequel, Return to Thebes) several times over the years and have enjoyed it every time. I like the way the characters are drawn, the way they interact and the reason why they act that way, and I really like the changes in viewpoint -- almost like seeing into their heads, told in first person for different characters. Ancient Egypt is brought to life vividly, as are the problems and intrigues in the Royal Court. Admittedly, some details have been overturned by recent archaeology experts, but for me that does

not detract from the story -- Allen Drury was following what he thought were the experts at the time (his introduction to the book is worth reading: he discusses how he agonised over the contradictions in the expert opinions and how he had to come down on one side or another in order to write the book.)

Thoroughly recommended.

Delafieldlib says

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