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Description

High drama and ancient history combine in this novel of the early life of Egypt's infamous queen, at once a beautiful seductress, brilliant politician, and the most powerful ruler of her time.

Insightful reviews

Lis: Not a fan of the universal viewpoint style of writing, and the story also lacked the historical details that I find riveting in a historical novel, but it was just interesting enough to keep me reading. And, of course, it ends *right* when Cleo is about to meet Caesar (my favorite part of her whole life story) so of course now I'm going to have to pick up the sequel. I probably would not have done that, if she'd ended just a *little* further on in the story!

Lorraine Despres: I just finished Kleopatra by Karen Essex. I was swept up and taken to first century BC Egypt and Rome. Beautifully researched, this book gives you the feel of what it was like to be a young woman living in a glittering palace watching your mother die as your sister seduces your father so she can become queen. You live through Kleopatra's fight to keep her crown and her exile in the desert as her brother and sister take over the kingdom. The book ends as she prepares to meet Caesar.

Nikki: 2.5 stars

What to say about this version of Kleopatra's tale? Overall I found that Essex failed to capture the essence of Kleopatra, including her maturity, dignity and intelligence. The book read more like a Hollywood version of Kleopatra's life (well the portion covered in this book, up to about the age of 21). The book did not bring the vibrancy of this time period to life. Overall, I found Essex included crude situations and even cursing for no reason I can think of as they certainly did not add to the story. I also feel Essex took too many liberties with these people from history, which she treated more as characters than beings which really existed. I may be biased due to my love for all things Kleopatra, but Essex failed to bring the real Kleopatra to life. There is absolutely no way you could convince me that Kleopatra was such a temper-tantrum throwing, petulant child such as she was portrayed in this novel. Considering the time period, her lot in life and her intelligence, the child portrayed in this novel seems quite unlikely. Essex would have fared better had she focused more on the entirety of Kleopatra's life in one novel rather than splitting it into two. Too little is known about Kleopatra's childhood and the inventions of Essex show why this was not a good portion of time to focus upon.

This being said, I will read the second book by Essex, Pharaoh, as I hope the inclusion of Antony and Caesar will bring more life and vibrancy to Kleopatra and the story in general.

If you want a wonderful historical novel based on Kleopatra, read Margaret George's [The Memoirs of Cleopatra](#). It is an absolutely beautiful book all around and unlike Essex's version, you will not want it to end.

Rosie: If i did not be aware of something approximately old Egypt prior to I learn Kleopatra, i'd remove the following: every person has intercourse with every body else despite ANYTHING. Age, gender, variety of partners, loss of genitalia, ANYTHING. there has been neat ancient stuff, however it suppose just like the tale alternated among that and peculiar intercourse stuff simply to retain you curious about reading. I did circulate alongside beautiful fast whereas analyzing this book, yet on the finish i used to be similar to 'eh.' This tale did not ensue throughout the finest time of her life, so perhaps that is why I felt like that. there's a sequel, which i'm assuming describes the true 'meat' of her value as queen and her relationships with Marc Antony and Julius Caesar. This publication left me now not desirous to choose that one up.

Katarina Ili?: i love the best way the tale is told. A reader may feel the emotion and get into the story. There are a few flaws, like together with many different people's lives rather than targeting major characters even more. Also, it truly is too long, and that i think it could've be installed at the very least a hundred pages less, with out wasting any point. it really is 6.5/10

AJ: Oh Karen Essex, the way you confound me. Reading this booklet I imagined myself on a pendulum being swung from finish to finish of a reader's opinion scale. in a single bankruptcy i'm entranced, in one other i'm at a loss for words b/c of the authors offerings in narration. I by no means particularly felt the voice of Kleopatra come through. the tale is richly researched and certain with proof and dates all laid out like a good documeted historical past textual content however the life and atmosphere are significantly absent. I had hassle portray an image of Alexandria, the palace, or the each day lifetime of those characters and thanks to it I felt an vacancy for his or her plights. The turn in narration to the Roman forged of characters appeared pressured and pointless and whereas it gave a few historical past into political intrigues i assumed it can were dealt with higher and with extra special adjustments within the voice of the narration. If one strikes from personality to personality it is helping if these characters sound different. Finally a few of Kleopatra's stories in childhood, whereas evidently fictionalized, rang unfaithful and seemed to be gross exaggerations of 'what may have been.' i discovered them distracting. eventually the finishing of the ebook used to be thoroughly unsatisfactory and left a cliffhanger that as a reader i discovered an inexpensive shot to motivate settling on up the following within the series. I'm torn approximately the right way to price this and if i would like to learn the following book. I suppose I 'liked it' adequate to offer it three stars. i would not deter an individual from studying it yet i would not hand the ebook to a person and say it used to be a must. It was once a simple learn and the phrases have been placed together good no matter if they lacked a few attractiveness of their form. this is able to be unfair to Ms. Essex as i've got simply comprehensive books that have been fantastically written (The Shadow of the Wind, The Historian) and they might be demanding acts to stick with for anyone.

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