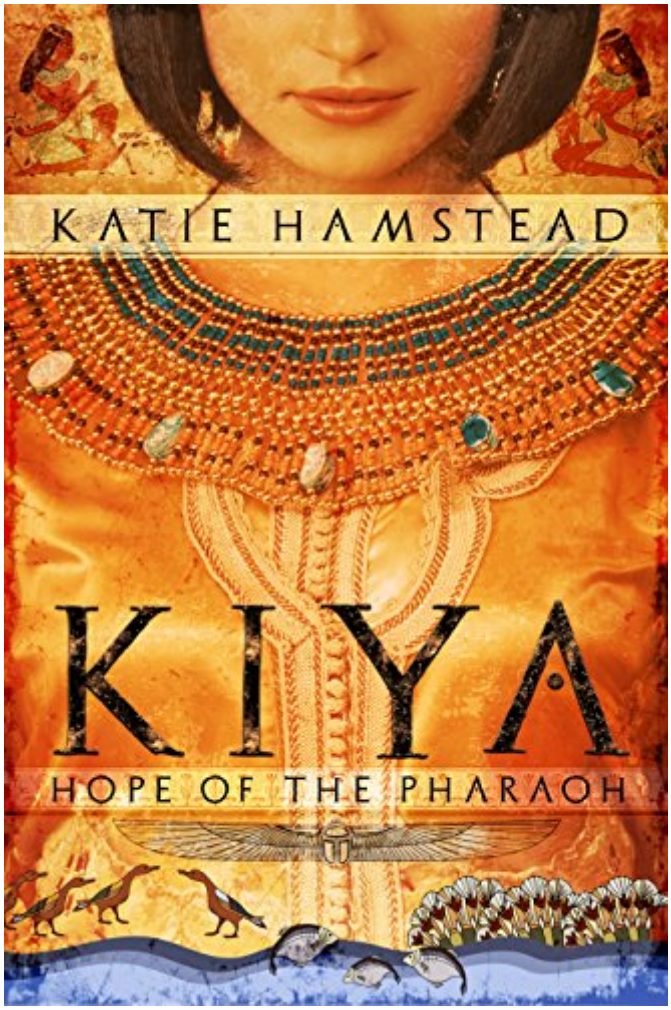
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Synopsis

Praise for KIYA:"I absolutely recommend this story. If you want a good read with the mix of history, love, Egypt and a smart heroine, this story is for you." ~Goodreads Review by AnaPINWhen NaomiÃ¢â ¬â„¢s sisters are snatched up to be taken to be wives of the erratic Pharaoh, Akhenaten, she knows they wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t survive the palace, so she offers herself in their place. The fearsome Commander Horemheb sees her courage, and knows she is exactly what he is looking forÃ¢â ¬Â¦The Great Queen Nefertiti despises Naomi instantly, and strips her of her Hebrew lineage, including her name, which is changed to Kiya. Kiya allies herself with Horemheb, who pushes her to greatness and encourages her to make the Pharaoh fall in love with her. When Akhenaten declares Kiya will be the mother of his heir, Nefertiti, furious with jealousy, schemes to destroy Kiya.Kiya must play the deadly game carefully. She is in a silent battle of wills, and a struggle for who will one day inherit the crown. If she does bear an heir, she knows she will need to fight to protect him, as well as herself, from Nefertiti who is out for blood.

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Customer Reviews

I read the first page where Naomi is introduced as Hebrew and immediately got a bad taste in my

mouth. I've read Egyptology since I was 5 (that would be 50 years) and hated, hated, hated the version of Egypt that was presented! The author couldn't be bothered to used the real name of Ahkenaten's city (Akhetaten) and just called it Amarna. And sacrificing virgins to Bast??? Heck no! Virginity had no particular significance to the ancient Egyptians! It wasn't important to them! Gaaaaah! I could just tell that this was shaping into some kind of religious book pre-figuring Moses or a messiah or something! Besides, Kiya was a secondary wife, probably a princess from another country. She died giving birth to Tutankhamen and the household wept. The wall painting has survived. If you wanted a Hebrew family member, that would have been Queen Tiy. She has been identified genetically as being of semitic descent (and she had red hair).

One star for a fairly engaging style of writing...I know that this is fiction but when you bring real, historically known people into the story you need to be close to accurate.Fact: Kiya was not the birth mother of Tutankhaten/Tutankhamen. An un-named full sister of Akhenaten/Amenhotep IV was the mother. Tut's parents were full brother & sister. This fact has been suspected for decades & proven in the last few years through DNA analysis. Live with it.Fact: Akhenaten's new capital city was called Akhetaten. Amarna is the name for the archaeological site: Tel el Amarna. It's named thus for the modern town located near the archaeological site.Fact: It has been known for decades that Tut was frail & sickly all his brief life. That is attested through many examinations of his remains. Many of his health problems were due to inbreeding. He also had a club foot. This was also attested to in a round about manner by the dozens of canes, walking sticks & crutches found in his well studied tomb. Yet our esteemed author portrays him as a robust, rambunctious toddler. Really?The historic Kiya was possibly a Mittani princess, perhaps a treaty bride. There is absolutely NO historic reason to infer that she was Hebrew.And hey... Let us not forget... Everybody wants & loves Naomi/Kiya...If an author cares too little to get the facts straight when the facts are so readily available, then I don't care to support that author.This book is a steaming pile of manure.

I have not read many books about Egyptian fact or fiction so I enjoyed the story. I read other reviews on this book in which others were upset about the author not following any of the known history; but to me that was not the reason I chose to read the story. I enjoyed the story for what is a story - all fiction. I was surprised at the ease of women accepting other wives (so many wives) for one odd man just because he was a king/pharaoh. Each of the main female characters were differentiated in some way in the story and it was nice to see that at least in this work of fiction that the Pharaoh did his best to care for each of his wives. The story brought to life for me the story

being told, I felt connected to the characters and their struggles even though there is no part to compare to real life for me at least. I have heard stories of Egypt and the volatile environment with a short life span for many reasons and this story explains a possible version of that environment. I do plan to read the other stories in the trilogy but I'm not sure where the story can go for two more stories if all about the same main characters; I may just have to read to see how it turns out.

The story was somewhat interesting, but the book read more like a teenage romance than an adult novel. And sadly the reader learns NOTHING about life in Egypt. Very disappointing.

Pacing rhythm is See Jane Run. Not badly written just very predictable. It is the basic plot of "be captured by someone awful, they go against their character because YOU are special." Very old news. I will not read the rest of the series.

I agree with earlier reviewer -- how did this get so many 5 star ratings?! Simplistic storyline, poorly drawn characters and main character acts in childish fashion. Glad I didn't spend $$ on this one. Don't waste your time on this.

I know I have picked a winner when I start reading & simply can't put the book down....this is one of those winners. The story of Kiya is part fiction, part fact, along with other real life characters from the days of the Egyptians. The writing is smooth & the story is thrilling. Anyone who loves books that combine history with a dose of imagination, like I do, will also love this....kudos to the author...will definitely read the rest of the trilogy.

This was an all around good book. The life of a Hebrew changed things in the pharaohs household. The only thing I didn't like is that it's a trilogy.

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