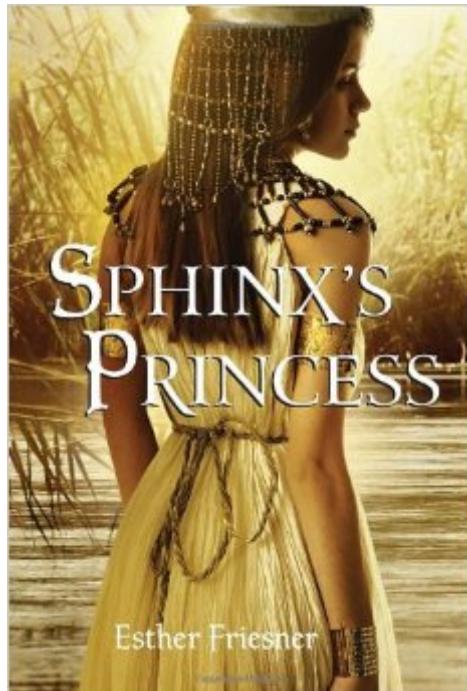


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Synopsis

She was far more than just a pretty face. . . . Although Nefertiti is the dutiful daughter of a commoner, her inquisitive mind often gets her into situations that are far from ordinary, like receiving secret lessons from a scribe. And her striking beauty garners attention that she'd just as soon avoid, especially when it's her aunt, the manipulative Queen Tiye, who has set her sights on Nefertiti. The queen wants to use her niece as a pawn in her quest for power, so Nefertiti must leave her beloved family and enter a life filled with courtly intrigue and danger. But her spirit and mind will not rest as she continues to challenge herself and the boundaries of ancient Egyptian society. With control of a kingdom at stake and threats at every turn, Nefertiti is forced to make choices and stand up for her beliefs in ways she never imagined. As she did in *Nobody's Princess* and *Nobody's Prize*, author Esther Friesner offers readers a fresh look at an iconic figure, blending historical fiction and mythology in a heady concoction.

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Customer Reviews

Nefertiti has had a wonderful life living with her adoring father, stepmother, and half sister. She is the beauty of her small country town situated on the Great Nile river, and has the gift of dance as well as a desire to learn to do something almost no women can do - write and read. But Nefertiti's life soon takes a sharp curve when her aunt, the great Pharaoh's wife, decides that she is beautiful

enough to wed to her son Thutmose, the crown prince of Egypt. Before she knows it, Nefertiti is torn from her home and family and living in the royal palace as a princess. Thutmose is not as nice as he has been made out to be by her aunt however and Nefertiti soon finds herself in the middle of a plot that involves Thutmose gaining power, and could endanger her own life and the lives of the ones she loves. I'll admit it I was pretty much glued to "Sphinx's Princess" right from the start. I fell in love with Friesner's ability to bring ancient Egypt to life before my very eyes. Friesner certainly has a gift to bring the ancient world into the present for her readers. Her descriptions of the temples, the great Nile river, and the emotion she emits through her characters in their reverence for the Gods and Goddesses of Ancient times are so vivid and clear it's as if she's recalling something in a diary as opposed to writing a work of fiction. The only limits of this story were the ones put up by my own imagination. It was fantastic. Despite her ability to bring the ancient world to life for YA as well as adult readers, I did have a problem with the ending of the book. I found the end to come to an abrupt halt. Well, that's actually too kind, it was more like the book smashed into a brick wall head on going 80 mph.

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