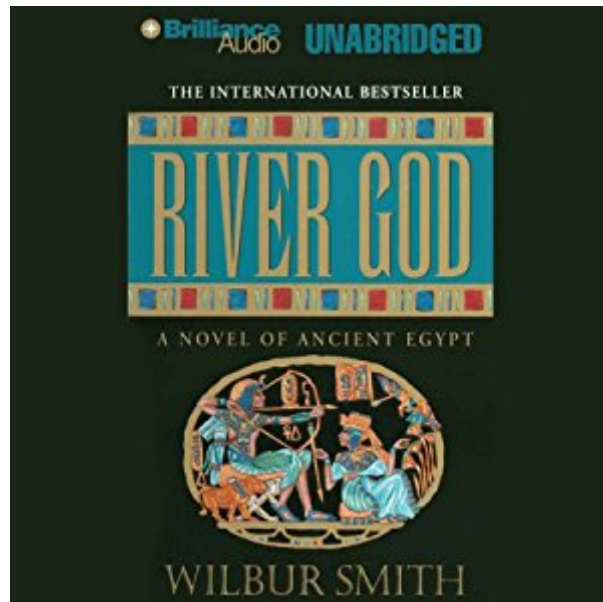


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# River God: A Novel Of Ancient Egypt



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## Customer Reviews

*River God: A Novel of Ancient Egypt* by Wilbur Smith is an exciting book of adventure, love and war. Having never read any ancient Egyptian stories before I found *River God* to be a refreshing experience. I cannot vouch for the historical accuracy used in the story but I find that to be of lesser importance than the over-all plot. Remember this is FICTION. As a matter of fact, it is pretty good fiction. Smith paints a picture of an ancient society that is fascinating. The reader can visualize the Nile flowing in ancient Egypt and see the importance of their deities and customs. Furthermore, justice is carried out swiftly in ancient Egypt and the punishment is usually not pretty. People are routinely executed for misdeeds. As the reader is drawn into Smith's world you feel that you were part of the scenery. This is where Smith excels. This is my first book by Smith but it will not be my last. The story's main character and narrator is the eunuch slave Taita. I will not give away the whole story but in nut shell Taita helps his mistress the fair Lady Lostris maintain an illicit love affair with Tanus, a General in the Pharaohs army. During the course of the story Taita

is beaten, starved and nearly killed by a host of enemies. Taitai's old owner the evil and twisted Lord Intef (the Pharaoh's Grand Vizier), desires to rule the empire. It becomes Taitai's job to foil his old boss and struggle to remain alive. Only a few times did the story lose itself. Taita is truly a Renaissance man (or person), in the book he invents a toilet, concocts a home pregnancy kit and creates penicillin-like drugs. He is a virtuoso singer, painter and writes books. He is an accomplished spy-master and maintains his own informer network.

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