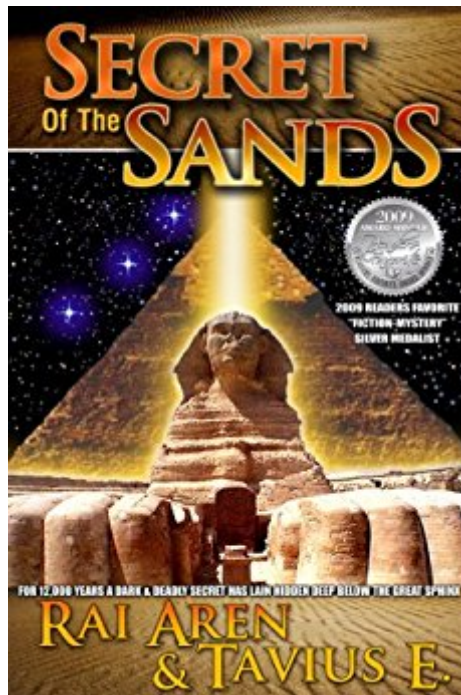




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Secret Of The Sands (Secret Of The Sands Series Book 1)



Synopsis

For 12,000 years a dark and deadly secret has been hidden deep below the Great Sphinx of Giza. In present day Egypt, a frightening, yet awe-inspiring story unravels as archaeologists race against time to decipher an ancient truth...A deep probing mystery riddled with prophecy and danger, *Secret of the Sands* uses Egypt and her mythology as a backdrop to delve into the meanings of life and religion. --McNally Robinson Rai Aren and Tavius E. have crafted a fast-paced, exciting novel overflowing with mystery and intrigue. The tension is constant. The characters are fully developed. And the plot is gripping. Ancient history and present day relevance are so expertly intertwined, that you forget you are reading a work of fiction.- --Thomas Phillips, author of *The Molech Prophecy*

From the back cover:*A Prophecy was Told...*An ancient prophecy, thousands of years old, told of the coming of the Chosen one, but she will be both loved and feared, and some will stop at nothing to defy everything she represents.*A Secret Long Buried...*A secret power that once proved too deadly, was hidden away deep beneath the sands of Egypt, only to be revealed by its sworn guardians when the time came that the knowledge would be safe.*A Deadly Riddle is Unlocked...*Two young archaeologists fatefully unearth unusual artifacts dating over 12,000 years old. The exhilarating find however, is wrong - very wrong. The artifacts shouldn't be there...they shouldn't even exist at all.*A Power Unleashed...*Now after remaining dormant for 12,000 years, the secret has been uncovered, and its true purpose suspected. What will be the greatest discovery in human history will either change us forever or destroy us for trying...*Secret of the Sands* is an AWARD-WINNING mystery novel. It won the silver medal in the category of "Fiction-Mystery" in the Readers Favorite 2009 book contest. *SECRET OF THE SANDS* is an Indiana Jones type of adventure novel - suitable for ages 12 to 112! - where the reader is treated to two adventures-in-one as it weaves back and forth between a royal family with a potentially deadly secret in ancient Egypt and the adventures of a couple of modern-day archaeologists on a mission to uncover an amazing artifact that could change the world.

The adventure novel *Secret of the Sands* is a little bit "Indiana Jones" meets "The Mummy" meets "National Treasure", which also has shades of "The Chronicle of Narnia" and "The Golden Compass" in it. *Secret of the Sands* is a highly unique cross-genre novel with a double-storyline. The genres it encompasses are mystery, suspense, adventure, and historical fiction, combined with an element of speculative sci-fi. The story revolves around Great Sphinx of Giza and alternate theories about its age and origins. The idea for the book came from a program on the Discovery Channel where archaeologists were proposing that the Sphinx might very well be thousands of years older than the history texts state. Rai & Tavius have been fascinated by ancient Egypt their entire lives, so this program immediately sparked their imaginations and creative

fire. With this story they have woven a new (fictional) chapter to ancient Egyptian history with an explanation for the true origin and purpose of the mysterious and enigmatic Great Sphinx. You can also find the sequel, *Destiny of the Sands* here: http://www..com/Destiny-Sands-Secret-ebook/dp/B00APLNA0G/ref=pd_sim_kstore_1 *Destiny of the Sands* is the thrilling sequel to *Secret of the Sands*. Some secrets cannot remain hidden and some cannot be forgiven... *Destiny of the Sands* continues the archaeological mystery tale of *Secret of the Sands*, taking the characters you've come to know and love on a darker, and far more perilous journey...

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Customer Reviews

And, that's good! I had a philosophy professor many years ago who told the class not to have expectations. Because only we knew what we expect; others didn't know, so we would always be disappointed by not achieving or receiving the object of our expectations. That being over-stated (BG) I must say that this was a delight of a novel. The premise is not new, but it is more well-developed than most other novels I have read. Novels which deal with the ancient civilizations,

especially those which precede the Hebrews crossing the desert, the birth of Christ, and the lot. Way, way back as it were. Pre-Atlantis even! This one goes a long way to offer an alternate view of how civilizations superior to ours got to our planet - somewhat like the Fifth Element (movie) with Bruce Willis, but this goes even further, way earlier. And not once was Atlantis mentioned as explanation. The plot was well developed, with appropriate twists. The characters were excellently developed, each different from the others. I only missed knowing what really happened to a small girl-child but, without trying to give away more, I won't go farther. If you like archeology, and speculation on the early Egyptian civilization's ability to build Pyramids and a Sphinx, and you enjoy a good, fast-moving who-done-it-and-why, then you must read this one. No pun intended, but time will move very quickly as you read this novel. The two authors deserve kudos for not writing a formula novel with sex and adventure and ... the rest of the treacle that is too prevalent these days. This is a true mystery. Well done!

In Secret of the Sands, talented authors Rai Aren and Tavius E. weave the threads of the past and present into an intricate literary tapestry surrounding the great sphinx of Egypt. From the moment I turned the first page, I was caught up in their tale, gasping for breath as the secret trap door slammed closed, cutting off my air, shouting for joy at Mitch and Alex's archaeological discoveries, chuckling at their friends' Jack and Bob's antics, and frowning at Zazmaria's greed and treachery. The mark of a truly good story is one that transcends the ages. Although the writers may base some of their novel in the past, a good yarn echoes into the present and future, as well. Secret of the Sands cherishes love, family and honor, condemns evil and treachery and presents us with a tantalizing theory of what lies beneath the great sphinx. Is the power behind the sphinx not of this world? If so, how can man possibly hope to control it? I want more. Thankfully, the sequel, Destiny of the Sands is apparently already under way and this reader shall be one of the first in line to continue reading this marvelous saga of Egypt.

Badly written -- appalling orthography -- and rather slow, not to mention stupid. I couldn't finish the first book. A waste of time and money.

With so much potential, this book was a crushing let down. I read about 20% to give it a fair shake, but the dialog was stilted and characters flat. It might be a decent read for a kid in the 5th or 6th grade...the syntax was about on that level. I was very disappointed and deleted it from my Kindle.

Excellent! Interesting characters I could almost see. The idea of a civilization 12000 years old was well developed and believable. I could hardly wait to finish it so I could start Book Two, which I've done and happy i have.

If you've ever wondered about the hidden passage under the Sphinx, Rai Aren and Tavius E. give you a marvelous interpretation filled with suspense and intrigue in their mystery Secret of the Sands. Throughout the Secret of the Sands, readers are treated to the underlying knowledge of the authors about ancient Egypt, especially through their intimate descriptions of the Sphinx. The transitions between time periods and characters heightens the tension of the novel. Readers discover the intrigue of ancient Egyptian life as the modern day characters are working to decipher the clues they have found. I found myself mentally pushing the modern day characters to work harder to discover what I had just found out. It is commonly thought that the Sphinx is older than 5000 years. By setting Secret of the Sands in the year 10,000 BC, the authors have taken advantage of this field of thought to give readers their glimpse into what must have been a magnificent time period. Highly recommended for mystery lovers and those lovers of anything Egyptian like myself. I can't wait for the next book in this series. Cheryl Carpinello author of Â Guinevere: On the Eve of Legend[...]

Rai Aren and Tavius E. have written an exciting story that weaves a search by modern archeologists with the story of an ancient culture that may have come from beyond the stars. Alex and Mitch, archeologists, do not expect to make such a startling discovery when they go to Egypt. After all, they are struggling to do their work despite being hindered by a foul tempered professor who is in charge of the dig. But then they find ancient, hard to decipher scrolls and a secret tunnel under Egypt's great sphinx. Of course, they have no way of knowing about the advanced civilization that existed there 12,000 years ago. The authors also tell the story of the royal family that built the sphinx--along with an energy device meant to do good. But the device falls into the wrong hands and the city is destroyed. The book has an exciting ending that begs for a sequel. Readers will want to know more about what happens when the rest of the secrets of the energy device are finally revealed. The story was well-plotted and interesting, though I felt that the characters of ancient Egypt were better developed and had more depth than the modern characters. Secret of the Sands is a worthwhile read, especially for those interested in Egypt.

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