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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Fans of bestseller Smith's ancient Egyptian series will welcome the fourth book in the saga, which picks up where *Warlock* (2001) left off. The powerful magus Taita and his loyal ally, Col. Meren Cambyses, have returned to Egypt after a journey of many years only to find the country beset by a series of plagues that include giant flesh-eating toads and river water turned to blood. Pharaoh Nefer Seti asks the pair to find—and eliminate—the source of his country's torment, a mission that sends Taita and Meren on a perilous quest in which they must contend with fierce creatures both natural and supernatural. Once again Smith deftly blends history, fantasy and mythology, but newcomers should be prepared for grisly deaths and mutilations. 225,000 printing. (May)

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From Booklist

The latest book by best-selling adventure novelist Smith is the fourth volume in his series of historical novels set in pharaonic Egypt, tracing the adventures of eunuch and mystic Taita. Its immediate predecessor was *Warlock* (2001). The quest of the title is just as much a spiritual one as an actual one as Taita, out of a deep devotion to his country and his pharaoh, seeks the identity and the quashing of the "menacing force" that is threatening the very existence of the kingdom; the "land of Egypt quailed, and the population gave in to despair." The Nile has refused to rise and bring fresh, fertile soil to the river valley; the shrunken river runs with blood; and huge, poisonous toads arise from the bloody water and overrun the land. Taita must go deep upriver, far into Africa's interior, to discover the reason. Ancient mysticism and mythology swirl through the narrative as swiftly as the Nile waters when in full flood. Smith has always been long on action, and his new novel won't disappoint his fans in that regard; he's always been graphic in depicting violence and death, and his new novel certainly fits the mold. *Brad Hooper*

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Review

"Best historical novelist: I say Wilbur Smith." ?*Stephen King*

"Smith brings to life...the world of Egypt so much so you can almost feel the heat and taste the dust as the narrative builds to cracking pace." ?*Irish News*

"Fans of blockbuster thriller writer Wilbur Smith will not be disappointed with *The Quest*." ?*Financial Times*

"Smith writes with a fresh, crisp style... full of zest... *The Quest* is a hefty but gratifying read, long-awaited by his legion of admirers." ?*Daily Express*

"No one does adventure quite like Smith and, true to form, his latest is a swirling torrent of unexplored depths and manliness in ancient Egypt." ?*Daily Mirror*

"This eagerly awaited sequel to Smith's gripping Egyptian series continues in a truly magical tale." ?*Woman magazine*

"*The Quest* is not a book for the easily queasy. After reading the scene about Bronze Age brain surgery,

you'll never look at bamboo shish kebab skewers the same way again. It is a novel that is violent, fast moving and utterly engrossing.” ?*Edmonton Journal*

“It's the sort of book readers live for, the sort that sates, however fleetingly, the primal need for story that so often these days doesn't get fed.” ?*Vancouver Sun*

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“Smith's Africa is bewitching. We see and hear elephants, lions, hippos, and wild, weird creatures. Lakes and plains stretch as far as the horizon. His descriptions of the landscape are so real it seems we should be able to find these places on the map. … Smith's narrative is a page-turner. His characters are absorbing and believable. We fear for our heroes and cheer for them when they triumph in bloody battle. … When supernatural powers open up the ground before us, we teeter on the brink and can hardly stand to look over the edge… and yet, we must.” ?*The Salt Lake Tribune*

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