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Orphaned as a child, Irisi became a mercenary to survive. Captured by the Egyptian army and made the spoils of war, she finds herself forced to fight in the ring for entertainment. In a desperate attempt to regain her freedom she throws herself on the mercy of the Gods, only to discover that her fate is written in prophecy...

## **Servant of the Gods Details**

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### Emmaa22 says

Nice story with female protagonist from a celtic warrior band who ends up in Egypt as a slave, but who rises to greater things. Well put together, with interesting characters, quite a bit of Egyptian mysticism as she goes up against a dark priest with very dubious intent.

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### Mary Findley says

This is not your average warrior chick tale. Although Irisi, the title character, has an over-the-top success rate as a female fighter in a man's world, men get their due as well. Particularly in the case of her captor and later love, he is clearly a fine counterpart as a fighter, partner and leader in his own right. He fits well with her in every way. These characters are not one-dimensional as in so many action/fantasy stories. The good guys are good for a reason. The bad guys are ever so bad, and all characters have dimension and depth. I loved Irisi's unique swords and the fact that the author did depict her as sometimes delicate and battle-scarred as well as devout. Even when a faith is not my faith, I appreciate very much an author including faith and respect for it in a book.

I can't say I liked the ending much, but I hope that just means the author will make up for it in the sequel. Looking forward to more from this writer!

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### Lisa says

WOW! This book is just.....Wow! Superbly written and the plot is amazingly orchestrated. I've enjoyed other books from this author but nothing quite as amazing as this one. This is UF at its best only it's set in ancient Egypt with some measure of fantasy thrown in but not enough to make it unbelievable. Having read the book description I was expecting to find the gods as living elements in the book but as it is they are only used as religious icons and even then nothing OTT. The main character is in no way slave material, but instead a "kick ass" heroine. Any fans of Elizabeth Vaughans Warcry series will love this but any reader of sweet love stories that have action from start to finish should also give it try, the historical setting is just that a setting for an amazing journey that could have happened in any era, don't let it put you off if it isn't usually your thing.

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### Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

WOW! This is such a brilliant book, I have had to re-read parts of it, just because I couldn't let it go.

If you have the slightest interest or curiosity about ancient Egypt then PLEASE read this book. It is the story of Irisi, the current High Priestess of Isis, and her life. It is amazingly well written and you don't just read about it, you go there. Irisi is a strong female lead who has her counter-part in Khai, her General. This is a bitter-sweet romance that will leave you with a very tight throat and tears in yours eyes, even though you already know how it ends when you start reading it. I don't want to say too much more as you have all you

need in the synopsis of the book and other reviews.

Excellent storyline, superb characters and the stunning appearance of the Egyptian Gods and Goddesses.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

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### **Marcus says**

I voluntarily reviewed an arc of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was a very quick read, but that doesn't mean that the story wasn't engaging or interesting. Quite the contrary, the characters were three dimensional with all the flavor of ancient Egypt, the story was script worthy with all the curses, gods, and intrigue of Egypt, and a first class tragic love story.

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### **Stephanie Moss says**

This was a really interesting and easy read. I would NOT recommend this for teens as this is a rated R book. Reminded me of the Mummy book by Anne Rice, only this would be more like a prequel to that.

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### **Molly Wyse says**

Servant of the Gods started out as many fantasy stories with a prophesy and a warrior coming from the north. I loved the fact that it was a woman, found that she was blond kind of irksome, and the multitude of detailed sex scenes a little overkill. Don't get me wrong the sex scenes were nice but I get the point after the first 2 or 3. Also, the constant reminder that she was so different from everyone she was saving was beyond me. Her hair was constantly mentioned. Ok, we get it she has awesome hair. Also, there needs to be an editor in this book. There were so many misspellings that it boggled my mind. All in all, I had fun with this book but didn't get the ending until I found out there was sequel. Work on the editing and this book will be perfectly fine!

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### **Susanna Mahoney says**

The three words that come to mind for this story from beginning to end with its suspense, twists, glimpses of supernatural creatures, and exploration of one would sacrifice for the people they love is sensational, passionate and fierce. Ms. Douglas has taken Greek Gods and Goddesses and supernaturally transplanted them into the 21st century.

The plot is set in ancient Egypt and the two fierce characters, Irisi, who was a child of a farm family who has to learn to fend for self when her family is murdered by raiders. Her life is complex from being a slave to healer to rise as a Goddess responsible for the outcome of her land Egypt and its residents when darkness invades it. The darkness is a mad wizard who wants to be king of Egypt and waits to be announced but then the barren sister in law is pregnant and there is a new heir appointed to the throne.

He becomes frustrated and decides to dabble with dark magic which opens a portal to the evil underworld and makes a pact with the Devil himself to have his desires come true. Which is to conquer Egypt and the world and become Master and for that an enemy one's needed a powerful military.

This grand wizard's military is not of normal soldiers; rather it is creatures that feed and slaughter humans for entertainment. They come in the darkness across the lands at night and one could hear the inhuman cries of the victims as the creatures feast on their delights. All hope is lost against such formidable foes. The priests and priestess are at a standstill and terrified of the prophesy coming true and all life will be destroyed and darkness will crush the light.

Irisi is trained in the skills of fighting tactics, taught magic spells and potions to become a healer, a supernatural warrior and finally a Goddess.

It's also a love story - with the threat from the grand wizard that if she falls in love with another, he will be murder by poison, assassin or something more sinister, it is his revenge against her. She only has her heart attached to one a mighty warrior and soul mate, Khai, they keep their love hidden but the grand wizard is aware and now Khai is in danger. The suspense of fighting the darkness, the threat of being killed in their sleep and the future of their beloved Egypt was at stake. The Priestesses and Priests only came up with one solution and someone lives or life will have to be sacrificed. Who's life? Wondering who then you will have to read the chilling tale to find out more.

The conclusion was supernatural too one has to ponder was it an ending or beginning to redemption It leaves one with working the imaginary mind over-time or to ask Ms. Douglas is there a sequel to this story. Hopefully there is a sequel for the descriptions of the characters and their struggles brought Egypt's past in to the present time with an added element of the supernatural and those two are alluring facts when selecting books to read. Good News: there is most definitely a sequel! Heart of the Gods is the second book in this series...

Also fantasy and supernatural are a good escape from the hum drum of normal life, this author will be a good choice to review, for she writes in many genres and one could probably find a story to their liking or this one to satisfy the beast in you.

In the author's words:

"A darkness rises, oh Pharaoh to be unleashed across the world. It comes as a shadow rising in the desert laying waste to all of Egypt, scouring the earth as it passes. Death and destruction follow in its wake, and the cries of the people of the world are terrible. From the north comes a warrior, a crowned and golden servant of the Gods with eyes like the sky, bearing swords in hand to rise up ....."continues on.....

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### **Krista says**

As a huge fan of everything Ancient Egypt, I was excited to find this book when browsing the Kindle freebies. I wish I could give it a higher rating, but I continually felt as if the author needed to undergo one more edit. That being said, if you can get past an over usage of ellipses and the occasional odd phraseology, it's a story worth reading. I recommend it for those who can look beyond these minor stylistic choices and immerse themselves in the story.

