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For most of us, adventure is just a dream. But for some, it has become their reality. Dreams have been released from the shadows, and lives will never be the same again. Heroes have risen like flames from a fire ... to live their dreams ... to be their best ... to save the world.

The new season of Ahket is almost here, the annual flood is set to quench the thirst of the parched land. Celebrations are reaching a climax, and the people are excited about the year ahead. But sudden tragedy strikes, stealing away their hope. A desperate Egypt has no choice but to call upon its heroes from the future. This time they need to solve the mystery of the cursed Nile before time runs out.

There's a new foe in the wings, with revenge on his mind, and an evil army at his side. He has old scores to settle, new victims to crush and a curse to spread. He will let nothing stand in his way. The battle lines are drawn in another thrilling adventure that spans from the riverbeds of ancient Egypt to the bustling surrounds of modern day Cairo.

JJ, Linc, and Rani must pull out all stops to save the Nile for the sake of both ancient and modern Egypt.

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"... another fast-paced adventure ..." - AMAZON

"... absolutely wonderful - even better than the first." - MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK REVIEWS

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### JJ STERLING and the FALLEN PHARAOH (Book 3)

"Wow! This third book is absolutely awesome." - GOODREADS

### JJ STERLING and the MISSING LINK (Book 4 - due in 2017)

## The Cursed Nile Details

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## From Reader Review The Cursed Nile for online ebook

### Claire says

What it's about: JJ, Linc and Rani are off on another Egyptian adventure. This time, it's saving the God Hapi and restoring the Nile river.

What I thought: After the first one, I wasn't sure if Lothian was going to be able to write another Egyptian time-travel mystery, but he sure pulled it off. The trio are off again, trying to save Egypt. The charm and wit of these fantastic characters are back again, pulling us into their journey once more. While I loved this one, I can't decide if I liked it as much as the first, but I still definitely recommend reading this one if you liked the first one. It's full of action and intrigue, what's not to like?!

the good: Feeling as if you are right there in the middle of the adventure.

the bad: Not sure if I liked this one as much as the first though.

Rating: 4 bookstacks

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### Grampy says

This book was reviewed by Lee Ashford for Reader's Favorite.

“Quest Two: The Cursed Nile” by S.W. Lothian is the follow-up story to “Quest One: The Golden Scarab”, and is every bit as action-packed and thrill-filled as its predecessor. This author has blazed a new trail for writers of Adventure Fiction taking place in ancient Egypt.

Rani, JJ and Linc, our heroes from the first tale, are reunited at the request of the god, Horus to resolve another devastating problem: the Nile has dried up... overnight. At the same time, the god of the Nile, Hapi, was taken away under cover of darkness, his destination unknown. Can the three children from our time once again save ancient Egypt from the wicked intentions of another god gone bad? Or will this quest be their downfall?

“The Cursed Nile” is an exciting and suspenseful tale of good overcoming evil, against terrific odds. This time the three modern-day pre-teens are joined in their effort by Rani’s long lost best friend, Patra, as well as the very animated statues, Ata, Atsu, and Little Sphinx. As it turns out, the extra help was needed, and very much appreciated.

The wicked former god of the Nile, Sobek, is presumed by the Alliance to be responsible for kidnapping Hapi and removing the water from the Nile, but Sobek has not been seen for many years, and nobody knows where he might have taken Hapi. Only by coordinating their efforts and relying on Horus for aid when

needed, can our heroes succeed in this, their second Quest to save ancient Egypt. Their many exploits, complications and impediments provide the reader with greatly engaging entertainment.

The character development is exceptional; the author has a remarkable talent for creating very likeable and lovable heroes out of normal pre-teens. I strongly recommend this book, AFTER you read the first one. And I am anxiously awaiting the opportunity to read "Quest Three: The Fallen Pharaoh", soon to be released. These books are intended to appeal to pre-teens and young teens, but I assure you the appeal is just as great for adults; start reading and see if you don't agree.

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### **Sandra Stiles says**

The Cursed Nile is book two in the Quest Series. In this great adventure the trio J.J., Linc and Rani are back to discover why the Nile has dried up in the past and present, and what has happened to Hapi the god who controls the Nile. Once again they have obstacles thrown in their path. They will go against the uberdiles and giant crocodiles. After all we all know the Nile is known for its crocodiles.

Instead of the evil god Seth we meet the evil god Sobek. He has kidnapped Hapi. Want to know why Sobek kidnapped Hapi? You'll have to read the book. There are great lessons about jealousy and the effects of what happens when you bully others. Little Sphinx is another character we meet in this story. Want to know how the sphinx lost his nose? This is an awesome book. The third book in the series "The Fallen Pharaoh" comes out June 1st. However, check tomorrow for my review of "The Fallen Pharaoh".

I am so glad that I have found a series that I can use in my classroom to re-inforce what they are learning in Humanities.

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### **Renee says**

S.W. Lothian's second book in The Quest Series is absolutely wonderful - even better than the first. The Cursed Nile takes the reader on a time-traveling, fast-paced, action packed adventure that will leave you breathless. Can't wait for the third book in the series.

\* I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author. \*

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### **Heather Boustead says**

The Cursed Nile  
The Quest Series Book Two  
By S.W. Lothian

During a festival celebrating the Nile God, Hapi, the waters from the Nile disappears and no one Hapi has inexplicably disappeared. The alliance of the Gods in Egypt is desperate to find out what has happened to Hapi so they again call on JJ, Linc, and Rani three teenagers from the future to return to Ancient Egypt and get to the bottom of what is going on.

I loved the first novel in this series, The Golden Scarab, and this book is no exception. The author does a remarkable job in not only bringing to life the present day for these kids, but also for creating Ancient Egypt so vividly and comprehensively that even if you barely know anything about the Egyptian Gods you are able to follow right along. The history behind the novel is intriguing in and of itself, by S.W. Lothian has taken it to a whole new level with this series. The storyline so far has been for the middle grade level but it is so much fun that anyone can appreciate it. I would definitely recommend this for anyone whether you are a child or just a child at heart.

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### **Erik This Kid Reviews Books says**

JJ, Linc, and Rani are back in an all new adventure! When the Nile mysteriously disappears (yes the whole river disappears), they are called back in time to Ancient Egypt again to bring the Nile back. They later find out that Hapi, the Nile god, was kidnapped and the Nile followed him. The trio's mission – to find and save Hapi! The enemy – unknown... and very dangerous. Follow the three friends as they set off on a great adventure across ancient Egypt!

The second book in this series is even better than the first (The Golden Scarab)! Mr. Lothian wrote a great story in a really fun setting – ancient Egypt. This was an exciting book! It has a lot of humor and action! I like that. JJ, Linc and Rani are the same great characters as they were in the first book, but in this one JJ really stood out for me. The new characters in this book were awesome too (especially the lisping sphinx)! The book was written well for kids and it kept me turning the pages from the start. I like the new cover art Mr. Lothian has on both of the books in the series too. I think kids 9+ will enjoy this story!

\*\*NOTE I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Austin says**

The first book was good, this one was better. I liked the storyline and the way it was fast paced. Can't wait for the other books. Highly recommended.

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### **Laurie Cameron says**

The waters of the Nile have disappeared and so has Hapi, god of the Nile. At the Temple of Horus, an urgent meeting of the Unified Alliance of the Gods is called to discuss this catastrophic event. Without the waters of the Nile Egypt is doomed. Their best hope is to once again request the assistance of JJ, Linc, and Rani, intrepid heroes of the future who had rescued them once before.

When JJ and Linc receive the summons, they make haste to the museum where the Ephemeral Portal will transport them back in time. Meanwhile, Rani hastens to Temple of the Gods near her village to find her own

Ephemeral Portal. Once together again back in Egypt, the trio set out on their quest. They will encounter many dangers: giant crocodile, evil Ubderdiles, deep caverns, and wicked vultures.

Like his first book, Quest One: The Golden Scarab, it is another fast-paced adventure sure to appeal to middle grade lovers of fantasy and adventure. Coming soon.

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### **Leslie says**

Excellent book series! Both books kept my interest the entire time! I will certainly recommend them! :)

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### **Jemima Pett says**

The second book in the Quest series sees our heroes JJ, Linc and Rani summoned back to Ancient Egypt to solve the riddle of the disappearance of the Water-God Hapi, along with the waters of the Nile. What the top god Horus doesn't know is that in modern day Egypt, the Nile waters have also disappeared. Thus we are set for a time-travelling puzzle that bounces from ancient to modern mixing real landmarks and delightful inventions to produce a beautifully described, heartwarming, exciting adventure.

Mr Lothian's attention to detail in describing the Nile and its islands bring the whole setting to life – including the dry riverbed. I loved the exploration of an island where some statues had taken refuge as a sort of commune. Statues had their movement enabled thanks to the trio's earlier exploits, and this group found pressures of 'modern' life all too much to bear. But they are pressed into service, and once more Mr Lothian's superb descriptive skills capture the imagination as the statues and the trio approach their enemy.

It's a pacy, thought-provoking adventure, a jewel in the raft of middle grade time travel books, and to my mind the best of the Quest so far. And there's no trouble with reading them out of order, either. I'm looking forward to number 4!

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### **Julie Grasso says**

The waters of the Nile have disappeared, not just in the past but in the present, and Hapi the beloved God of the Nile has vanished, with the only witness a quivering little Sphinx.

JJ, Linc and Rani are once again called on by Horus to take up the quest to find Hapi and rescue the waters of the Nile before they are lost forever in past and present.

Since their first quest, a great alliance was made with Statues and Humans, walking the Earth together. The questor's accept the challenge, with the help of Little Sphinx, who brings such a great comedic element to the story with the most hilarious lisp I have ever read. It reminded me of another great lisping character in Terry Pratchett's the Theif of Time. The addition of the twin statues Atta and Atsu, a bumbling pair who seemed to increase the mayhem instead of assisting the questor's, made this book fun from the start.

The questor's must keep their wits about them and work together to find a way to defeat the evil Sobek the God of the crocodiles.

One of my favourite parts was when Little Sphinx lost his nose, I won't spoil it but take a look at photo's of the Sphinx today, you will laugh out loud as you read that part of the story.

My favourite quote:

JJ's thoughts were jumbled.

Rani was yelling. "Hurry...do something."

Patra was yelling. "Help me....I'm stuck."

Linc was yelling. "Get lost you morons."

LOL, just a little insight into the great mix of action and humour.

The ending had me on the edge of my couch/chair so to speak and I had to find ways to distract my toddler just so I could finish.

I really enjoyed and clean middle grade read, very suitable for ages 9-12.

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### **Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says**

Sequel to Quest One: The Golden Scarab

The lyrical delight of the first volume in the “Quest” series—“The Golden Scarab”—continues apace in this new entry relating the new series of events in this magical fantasy saga. The delightful storytelling approach also continues here, making this an excellent choice for a parent, grandparent, or other caregiver, to share aloud with their child. In the initial novel, the Ancient Egyptian god Seth, who craved power and just couldn’t get enough, wanted to take over all of Egypt, and his wise and Solomonic brother, the god Horus, summoned three youngsters from our present back to Ancient Egypt to hide the Golden Scarab, which confined Seth’s powers and restrained his evil nature. Consequently, those statues of Egypt which had aided in the battles against Seth were given free reign to roam, walk, dance, and generally participate in life.

Now life is good on the Nile, and the Festival of Ahket is about to begin, celebrating the god Hapi, who protects and guides the Nile, and who is ultimately responsible for the success of Egyptian agriculture—for without the Nile, there can be no harvest. No harvest is about to become a reality, though, because suddenly and inexplicably, Hapi disappears, and with him the Nile; and once again, it is up to contemporary youngsters J. J., Rani, and Linc, to solve this danger, stop the curse, and return Hapi to his rightful place. If you’ve already enjoyed “Quest One: The Golden Scarab,” don’t miss this and hurry up about it. If you haven’t read “The Golden Scarab,” what are you waiting on? Middle-graders, YA, and yes, adults can all find delight in this series.

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### **Steven Stickler says**

Having enjoyed the first book in this series, I politely asked the author for an ARC of book 2 and I was pretty pleased when it arrived a few weeks ago. Don’t get me wrong: I have plenty of reading material. Too much, in fact. But I am always anxious for the second book in a series because more often than not it is the second book that signals the trajectory of a series. That’s where we find out what sort of series we are dealing with: one that surprises us with twists and turns, one that takes a disappointing departure, or one that delivers the same sort of experience we enjoyed in the first book.

In this case, the author has chosen the latter and there is little doubt those who enjoyed the first book will enjoy this one. It has the same crisp writing, narrative voice, and light touch. There is suspense, yes, but it is not overpowering. Lothian sticks well within the traditional boundaries of this genre, which is really what one hopes for when starting a book like this. I, for one, want some action and adventure when I pick up an action/adventure book, and that's exactly what this book delivers.

Having already set the stage in book one for a series of stories about kids travelling back in time to save the day, Lothian gets straight to the point: Ancient Egypt faces another crisis. All the water has disappeared from the Nile River. So, too, has Hapi, the god of the Nile who watches over the river and controls it. Baffled, the gods of Ancient Egypt send a message into the future asking the time-travelling trio of JJ, Linc, and Rani to travel back in time, find Hapi, and restore the river to its proper condition.

When the trio arrives in Ancient Egypt they discover that Hapi has been kidnapped by the evil god Sobek, who has a plan to gain control of the Nile for himself and use it to gain power over the people of Egypt. Interesting back story: Sobek was once the beloved god of the Nile himself. At least until people discovered that he was ordering crocodiles to attack them. Good lesson for the kids there: if you want to be liked, don't order crocodiles to attack people. It also adds a nice element of danger to the story; is this really the sort of god you want in charge of your water supply?

As they pursue the quest to rescue Hapi, the trio encounter all manner of obstacles, including raging waters, evil surfing statues, angry (and in one case very large) crocodiles, and of course one pretty powerful evil god. There are chase scenes, a few setbacks, and even the need to hop back and forth in time. One fun element is the addition of good statues that move about, dance, and even join in the trio's quest (one statue in particular—'Little Sphinx'—provides the sort of comic relief that will appeal to kids who chuckle at the antics of JarJar Binks).

On the whole, Lothian delivers here exactly what he did in the first book and exactly what most folks browsing this section of the bookstore are likely looking for: plenty of action, a bit of suspense, a dash of humor and an ending in which—(Oh, come on. You didn't really think I'd give away the ending, did you? You'll have to read it yourself.)

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### **Jenn says**

I was waiting with bated breath for Quest Two. I eagerly tore through Quest One and was delighted when I was sent Quest Two. And I waited until after my wedding to be able to give it the attention it so deserved! Now I wish I hadn't waited so long. The second book in this wonderful series was marvelous! It most definitely ranks up there with the first book. JJ, Linc and Rani are off on adventure number two. Their help is desperately needed in Egypt once again. This time the Nile has vanished - the water has stopped running in both the past and the present.

SW's novel is action packed and full of the excellent adventure that takes place in his first book. It is also chock full of information about Egypt's past and myths/legends. I loved that I learned some history about Cairo and the building of the Great Pyramid and The Sphinx. Once again, when I have children I'll be more than happy to read this adventure tale to them at bedtime. Can't wait for Quest Three to see where the three amigos will be summonsed to next!

