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Synopsis

Explores Egyptian mythology and symbolism and discusses the universal philosophical concepts that the myths express, focusing on the themes of the High God and Osiris.

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This book is excellent for so many reasons; I have owned a few copies over the last 20 years and recommend it frequently to those interested in Ancient Egyptian mythology. One key element that makes this book unique is the discussion of the history of the Netjer Set or Seth, which started off as a dual-headed god, Heru-Set. Great chapter, very illuminating. Corrects many modern misconceptions and ignorances about this particular aspect of the human psyche. Shows the changes over time in the Egyptian understanding of this aspect or deity. A truly valuable resource for research and/or hobbyists.

The author introduces key concepts in each chapter, and provides illustrative, very beautiful poems to give you the Egyptian feel and perspective. The poems that are chosen are powerful and exemplary of the key aspects of the Egyptian cosmology. After each poem, the author does a superb job of then describing what you just read. This complementary approach is like learning it twice or even three times, from different perspectives, thus giving you deep understanding. Not easy to come by in this kind of literature.

very good read

This is a fairly good reference book. It does seem a little dated. Would see this as a decent first reference for a youth doing school research.

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I've used this several times for research (academic and personal) and it is a wonderful resource!

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