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### What Early Readers are Saying:

*"I loved this book! It was everything I want when I read. Adventure, action, mystery. I felt as though I could actually "see" the movie in my mind's eye as I was reading the book."*

*"This story is the embodiment of creativity. This book loops together many broken pieces within the world's history and formulates a new world all on its own. When you read this book, you will not be disappointed, the danger and mystery will keep you on edge."*

*"I absolutely loved Heir of Ra. Action, adventure, thriller, mystery — you name it. It has all the things! It would certainly make for an epic "The Mummy" style movie, too. Five stars!"*

*"...cross between Kane Chronicles and the Da Vinci Code."*

*"Could not stop reading this book!"*

*"Wonderful historical fiction - suspenseful and intriguing, filled with complex yet relatable characters and incredible imagery. "*

*"Heir of Ra is an amazing adventurous story, especially for lovers of Egyptian history. But this book is a great choice for any reader that wants a read that will leave them falling out of their chair with surprise throughout the endless number of twists-and-turns. Action, guns for the guys and even some romance for the girls. A great read for all who are looking to spend their entire day reading because they cannot put it down!"*

*"A book that rivals Lightning Thief because it has realistic characters with a fantastic plot. I couldn't put it down."*

## Heir of Ra Details

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### Tory Leigh says

Synopsis-

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This book went above every expectation I had going into from the very beginning. Personally, I am typically not a fan of more historical novels. Fantasy or not. But *Heir of Ra* gave me something I didn't know I needed. This book had everything; Action, Mystery, Fantasy, Mythology, and historical elements with a twist that didn't get lost in translation. I devoured this book, and I think other readers will too. M.

Sasinowski's debut Fantasy novel has something for all readers. With lovable characters like the strong lead character Alyssa Morgen, to its deep complex plot never failing to make your heart skip a beat.

?You can without doubt feel when you read *Heir of Ra* how much research and dedication went into it, along with knowing that M. Sasinowski put everything he had into Alyssa's story. I give *Heir of Ra* five stars and think that everyone is going to want to read this enthralling story. I am so eager to see what comes next for Alyssa's story, as for M. Sasinowski's writing future

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### Jocelyn says

As an archaeologist who has always dreamed of permission from the Ministry of Antiquities to work on a dig in Egypt, this book seemed like it was written especially for me. Once I picked it up, I read it in just a few sittings as it was a very fast-paced, easy read.

It had a lot of elements of some other popular books, like the *Da Vinci Code* and the *Percy Jackson* series, but it's managed to carve out its own niche within the YA mythology genre. Our heroine Alyssa is a scrappy, independent young woman with some pretty intense determination. She was a little bit hard to like at times, but why she was the way she was became a bit more clear toward the end of the book and she became a lot more sympathetic. I'm definitely Team Alyssa now and can see her becoming a major figure in the YA genre.

Despite this book being about mythology and having a lot of magical elements to it, I found those aspects to be the most believable parts of *Heir of Ra*. It being YA, I've given it a lot of leeway in terms of plausibility, but sometimes it just seemed the way she, as a teenager, was able to get around in the world was a bit outlandish even for an action-packed YA story. Still, though, it was a lot of fun to read and by the last third of it, it felt like it had really found its stride and I couldn't put it down. I'm excited to see what comes next.

And I hope we get more Clay next time!

As a side note, I loved how obviously the Minister of Antiquities in the book was Zahi Hawass. In my field he's quite well known and I had a couple chuckles to myself about the way he carried himself. Thanks for that, M. Sasinowski!

Many thanks to the publisher and Netgalley for a copy of this delightful book. I can't wait to see where Alyssa goes next.

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### **Darque Dreamer says**

Heir of Ra is fast paced, action packed, and wildly entertaining! For lovers of the original Tomb Raider games, the Stargate movie, and Assassin's Creed, you will devour this one! It is an edge of your seat, one sitting kind of read that is sure to impress!

Oh...my...god...I LOVED this book! This was easily one of my top 5 reads this year so far! I could not put it down, and I finished it in one sitting! It was adventurous, intriguing, and full of action and humor. It was an intense thrill ride that had me shocked at every twist and turn! It easily differentiated itself from other YA books by boasting the importance of family, respect for your elders, and education!

Sasinowski really impressed me with this debut novel! The writing was outstanding. There was never a dull moment and I could clearly see the story unfolding in my mind as I read. I truly felt like this would have made an amazing movie! There were so many details and layers to the story, and it all just fell in to place.

And, our main character, Alyssa, man was she kick ass!! I loved that even though she had a strained relationship with her father she still managed to show how much she loved him and she fought so hard to come to his rescue! She was brave and very intelligent, and I loved her snarky attitude! I loved that she never gave up and that she wasn't a typical YA teen girl, caught up in hormones and romance.

I loved the different aspects of the story. Most of the time multiple POV's just don't work because they are too hard to keep track of, but I never felt lost or felt like I couldn't figure out who's POV I was following at any time. I truly enjoyed getting the different pieces of the story and getting to know all the different characters and their motives and histories. All these different pieces kept me on my toes and made the reveal at the end that much more shocking. And, the scenes with Horus, oh my word were those awesome!

Heir of Ra was intriguing and exhilarating. I couldn't read it fast enough. It was very unique, but also reminded me a little of The Mummy and Indiana Jones, in a good way. Alyssa, though a star in her own right, resembled Lara Croft a little for me, which is why I fell in love with her! This book was incredible, and not only can I not wait for the sequel, but I am already dying to re-read it!

Thank you to the author's daughter for providing me with this free e-ARC in exchange for my honest review!

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### **Rebecca says**

First I would like to thank the author's daughter for sending me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. You are a complete doll for supporting your fathers endeavors.

To say this is a book I have been waiting for for a long time is an understatement. I have always loved Egyptian Mythology since a young age and have found it completely fascinating. Its where the inspiration for my cats name came from (Cleopatra).

This book just blew me away from beginning to end. I was absolutely emerged into Mr. Sasinowski's world from page 1. This story follows Alyssa, who has followed her father on excavations all her life. She never expected to have to rewrite history because of it. She is faced with racing to find a cure to an ancient disease unleashed upon those entering the fabled Hall of Records. With help from Paul, an Oxford student, Alyssa will begin an adventure of a lifetime as she tries to beat the clock and save her father.

This book gave me all the feelings of Lara Croft, The Mummy, Indiana Jones - even a little James Bond at times. It was like reading a movie unfold before your eyes. Action packed adventure!! I cannot wait to read the next installment of this series.

two thumbs way up - thank you Mr. Sasinowki!!

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### **Madalyn says**

Alyssa's father has been given the chance of a lifetime, a chance he's been waiting for forever...a chance to enter the alleged Hall of Records beneath the Sphinx in Egypt. Upon gaining entrance to the excavation a deadly virus sends Kade and his team to quarantine. Alyssa is bent on trying to find a cure for her father when she finds an ancient crystal that holds the memories of a god and just might hold they key to saving her father...that is if the people now hunting her down don't get to them first.

Non stop action, fast paced, attention grabbing this book was most definitely all of that but it was also full of science, mystery and Ancient Civilizations. I loved this book and it was over before I knew it. Here I am days later still thinking about it. If you like Indiana Jones, Tomb Raider, National Treasure, The Da Vinci Code, or The Mummy movies or if you, like me are a big fan of Ancient Egypt and Mythology you will enjoy this book immensely. The blend of Science Fiction and Fantasy is a sure winner here. I absolutely loved Alyssa's character...her determination, will power, and Intellect made her a great young female character that other young girls can look up to.

I give Heir of Ra 5 stars.

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### **Caitlin Smith says**

I didn't really know what to expect going into this book, but I found that I was not disappointed!

When Alyssa's father contracts an ancient disease on an excavation of the Hall of Records, Alyssa races to find a cure and discovers an artifact that could change everything. With the help of Oxford student Paul, Alyssa must escape from people who want the artifact for their own gain and unravel the secrets the artifact holds before it's too late.

I really liked the characters that were in this book. Alyssa, our main character, had followed and been involved with her father's excursions all her life. Alyssa was such a great character! She was likeable and smart whilst being brave and fierce. She was a very enjoyable character to read about! I also really liked Paul, he was really sweet and a perfect gentlemen. All the characters in this book were very interesting to

read about and I really enjoyed them.

We had some really nice relationships in this book. The relationship between Alyssa and Kade was very enjoyable to read about. We can clearly see that this father and daughter duo have a complicated history but there was a lot of obvious love between the two. The devotion Alyssa has for her father was admirable and lovely to see. I really liked the relationship between Alyssa and Paul as well. The way these two came together as complete strangers but developed this really nice friendship (and possibly more) was so enjoyable.

I loved the mythology aspect of this book. It was really interesting and intriguing. I felt that the Horus flashbacks were a really nice addition and really helped propel the story forward. This book was very gripping and fast paced, I didn't quite know what to expect but this book did not disappoint! I felt that this storyline was very original and had some really great plot twists that just keep the reader guessing!

Overall, this was a very solid debut and a great series opener. I look forward to reading more from this author in the future!

Thank you to M. Sasinowski and his daughter for sending me this book for review.

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### **Rishi says**

Simply amazing. It's been so long since I've read something based on Egyptian mythology. And I loved it

When is the next part coming. I just can't wait to read it.  
Thanks for the amazing read Mr. Sasinowski.

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### **Maria Elena says**

**I was sent a copy of this book in exchange of an honest review.**

I can't say I've read this in one sitting because it's almost physically impossible for me, a night reader, to stay up all night, but this one came pretty close! I feel like I devoured the book, making *Heir of Ra* one of my fastest reads of the year, because the moment I got into bed to read, I couldn't put it down. The story was fast paced and interesting since page one, it had a very likeable main character, the mystery addicting, the action well written, many "WHO DO I TRUST?" moments... need I say more?

*Heir of Ra* is a perfect blend of Fantasy and Sci-Fi adventure. I haven't read a book like it before, but if you're a fan of Archeological Thriller films such as *Indiana Jones*, *Tomb Rider* or *National Treasure* (my personal favorite), then it's perfect! And if you've never seen those movies, well, you'd enjoy this book either way because it's a very addicting and fast read.

One of the things I liked best in this book was the relationship between our protagonist, Alyssa, and her father, Kade. Despite the complicated history, it's obvious there's a lot of love between the two. Alyssa would do anything for her father and she proves it time and again throughout the book. What made me appreciate it even more was the fact that I've been contacted for this review by the author's daughter, Sarah, who not only wrote a very fun and unique About the Author page at the end of the book, but was also the

inspiration for Alyssa's character. So you see, it was the kind of father /daughter relationship that felt real because it transcends the page and I am a sucker for good family bonds!

Another relationship I liked in this book was the one between Alyssa and Paul. The two are a classic in stories like this: two strangers who meet by chance and are suddenly thrust into a life and death situation that forces them to come closer. Obviously Le Me expects a romance to bloom out of it, and it sort of does, but unfortunately life isn't easy and we don't always get the things that we want. There's going to be a lot more grinding for these two before they'll actually (hopefully) get to *kiss!*

Also—and if you know me this should come as no surprise—I *loved* the flashback sequences with Horus! There weren't many, but it says a lot about the quality of the writing when you feel so much for a character and his struggles in such a short span of pages. "I shall know no fear" just became my mantra.

The first thing I did when I finished the book last night was go to the official website, heirofra.com, and sign up to the mailing list so I can be immediately notified about the sequel because I. MUST. KNOW! The finale was set up in a way that left one satisfied with the ending but at the same time there are questions that must be answered. Definitely a series to keep an eye out and a very solid debut! I give it 5 stars, without a hint of a doubt.

Really, read this book!

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## **jackmagnus says**

Reviewed by Jack Magnus for Readers' Favorite

Heir of Ra is a young adult action and adventure/historical fantasy novel written by Maciek Sasinowski. Alyssa was enjoying a moderately challenging climb in Peru and was at 358 meters of elevation when she got the call she had been waiting for. Her dad's appeal to the Egyptian Council of Antiquities had finally, and surprisingly, been granted. Alyssa immediately began figuring out how she could leave the Peruvian dig site and most efficiently get to Egypt when her dad blindsided her with the news that they were only giving him one day to search the site. He knew it was disappointing, but he wanted Alyssa to stay in Peru and continue supervising the site there. But he failed to reckon with the determination of his sixteen-year-old daughter. Even being high up on a cliff face wouldn't deter her from getting to Egypt and going in with him.

Maciek Sasinowski's historical fantasy/science fiction novel for young adults, Heir of Ra, is a fast-paced and enthralling book that incorporates elements of time travel as Alyssa fights to unravel the mystery of the illness that has left her father at death's door. Sasinowski's plot is a marvelous one that recreates Egyptian mythology and refashions it in a thought-provoking and ingenious manner. I loved the high-tech elements of this story, and found the characters to be credible and well-defined, particularly Alyssa, who is a resourceful, strong and independent young woman. This well-written and engaging story is geared toward a young adult audience, but anyone who enjoys archaeological quest novels will have a grand time reading it as well. Heir of Ra is most highly recommended.

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## **Alaina says**

*I received this ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.*

## **SPOILERS BELOW PEEPS!**

*Heir of Ra* is one of those books that you can't put down after you start it. Well, it was for me. It's fast paced and definitely holds your attention. Okay, again.. this could just be me.

In this wonderful book, you will meet Alyssa. She was definitely an interesting character and I wanted to see how her relationship with her dad, Kade, was going to turn into. Things were very complicated between the two, which you can see in the beginning of this book. Now this is the complete opposite of my relationship with my Dad, we are besties who drink wine together. Throughout the book though, you can definitely tell that these two love each other will all they've got and it shows. This whole father-daughter relationship just put an epic smile on my face.

Besides the family aspect of this book, there's some romance. Alyssa and Paul were cute and adorable. They are two people who were kind of put in each other's path. These two worked really well together in any situation that was thrown at them. However, their romance was just like a teasing hint. It's there and you can see it.. but you don't feel it yet. I want more in the next book - a lot more!

Oh, and please no love triangle!

Besides all of that, I hate cliffhangers. I despise them so much because then it's that terrible waiting game you have to play because the next book isn't freaking available. I NEED THE NEXT ONE GUYS!

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## **Avery Cronin says**

Awesome book, 11/10 would recommend.

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## **J. Riley says**

### **Brilliant new visiom**

What a great new take on the Egyptian gods and Atlantis. Give this book a try, it had me from the first chapter and I cannot wait for the next installation.

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## **Sandra Moran says**

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## **Jenny (Bookbookowl) says**

Actual rating 4.5 stars

Many thanks to Mr Sasinowski for providing me with an E-ARC of this book to review. All opinions are my own.

Alyssa and her father have been seeking the lost Hall of Records, under the Sphinx in Egypt for years. Finally her father is given permission to enter the tunnels for an archeological dig for one day. Alyssa is half a world away and can't make it in time, but something goes wrong inside the tunnels. Her father collapses and is taken to hospital with a baffling, mutating disease. After learning that the World Health Organisation has confiscated everything from the site, Alyssa knows she needs to somehow find out what happened to her father, and how to help him. With the assistance of Paul, who she meets while trying to gain access to the WHO, they try to uncover the secrets from her father's dig. When they come across an artefact that seems impossible for this time, but is likely thousands of years old, they find themselves on the run from a group of people determined to claim it from them.

This book was gripping from the very first page. Fast paced action intertwined with Egyptian mythology and twists I didn't see coming. Alyssa and Paul were likeable characters and I found myself holding my breath on their behalf throughout the story. We were treated to 'flashbacks' of a story involving the Egyptian gods and parts of history - real, imagined and theorised - that I really enjoyed, even though my knowledge of that history is sketchy. I honestly couldn't put this book down, it was a wild ride.

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### **Julissa says**

To say I loved this book would be a understatement, from the moment I started reading it I was completely captivated. I couldn't turn the pages quick enough. It was fast paced and it kept me completely invested. I was on the edge of my seat anticipating what would happen next. It was filled with so much action, adventure, and, Egyptian mythology. The story line was absolutely incredible, it makes you wonder, what if?

Alyssa, the main character, had everything I'm always looking for in a character. She was brave, fierce, smart, and compassionate. Her commitment to finding a cure for her father, Kade, was heart warming. I really enjoyed the relationship between Alyssa and Paul, they were thrust into a dangerous adventure together and faced it head on. Paul, was the ultimate gentleman and I adored him! There were multiple points of views throughout the book and I felt that they were all essential to the plot.

The author is such an amazing story teller he had me believing everything I was reading. He definitely did extensive research to write such a masterful story. Indiana Jones Fans will definitely appreciate this read. Heir of Ra, is easily one of my favorite reads of the year.

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