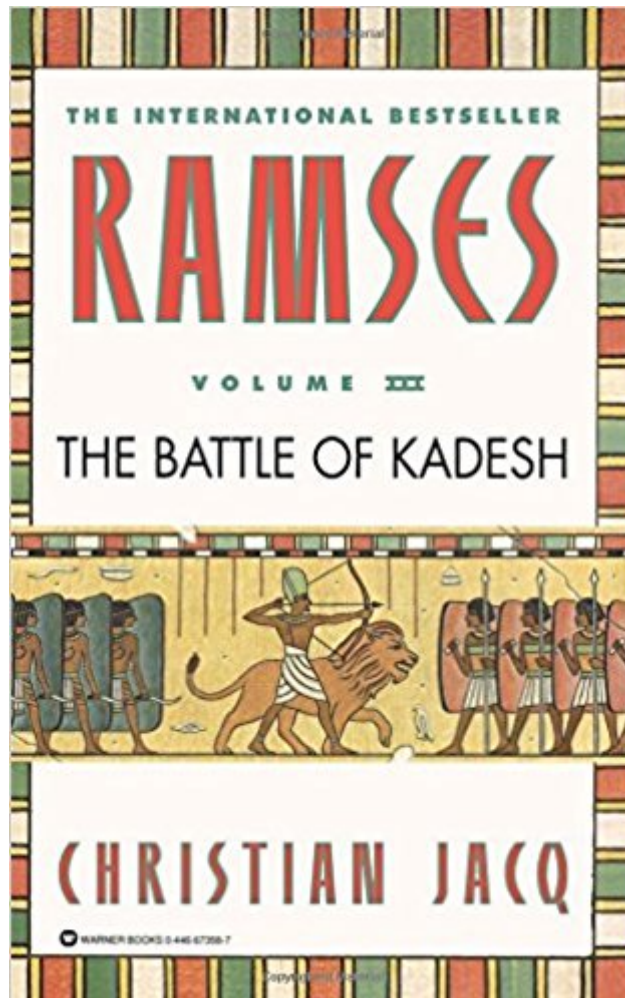




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Ramses: The Battle Of Kadesh - Volume III



Synopsis

The powerful Hittites have declared war on Egypt, and Ramses must do the impossible: seize their impregnable fortress at Kadesh with his ragged army, even as his powerful bodyguard and right-hand man has been arrested, suspected of treason.

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Customer Reviews

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Christian Jacq, who holds a doctorate in Egyptology, is the author of numerous bestsellers, including "Ramses", which has sold more than eleven million copies. He lives in Switzerland. Stephen Thorne trained at RADA and played several seasons with the Old Vic Company and the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford and London. He has worked extensively in radio, with over two thousand broadcasts for the BBC, including Uncle Mort in the Radio 4 comedy series and the part of Treebeard in "The Lord of the Rings". His television work includes "EastEnders", "Boys from the Bush", "Death of an Expert Witness", and "David Copperfield". --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Big introduction of the magical and mystical elements in the story line. I can accept them more easily when it's just the characters that believe in them and act accordingly but I'm not keen on having them appear as stand alone elements that alter the path of the plot. I stopped reading the

series as this became more and more about the phatasmic and less about actual events and people that lived during that era. I do like history and historical novels but am not as much a fan of fantasy. thanks for the first 2 books. they told an interesting and engaging story; but I'll just stop there and not ruin my experience by more magic chariots and armies suddenly appearing to save the day.

This is the third volume in the series that I have been reading. It is exiting, but...:It seems to be a translation - which could be better. Tension is building up several places - building up to disappointment. An example of this is the description of the battle itself. It is too short, a bit confusing and it lacks credibility - not the climax it should have been. Like some other readers to whom I have been talking I am not in a hurry to buy the last volume(s).

Another good read

Four divisions of the Egyptian army encamped below the fortress of Kadesh when suddenly the thundering sound of enemy chariots were upon them. The Hittites surprised them and decimated two of the divisions. Then Ramses, possessed of the spirit of Amon, glowed like the sun, and stopped the advancing Hittites in their tracks. Fighter, the Nubian lion, sprang into action. Reinforcements were coming up the coast road. The tide of battle turned. Christian Jacq's Ramses: the Battle of Kadesh, marks the third in a five part series on Ramses the Great of ancient Egypt. Kadesh was one of the greatest battles of the ancient world. Egypt and Hatti were the two giant superpowers of their day; and both coveted the strategic littoral that we call the Middle East today. Hatti was a warrior nation that sought to extend its empire clear to Egypt. Egypt was a powerful land in the New Kingdom equally bent on extending its influence as far as possible. Kadesh marked the pivotal point in the superpowers' ambitions. The Hittites gathered information on Egypt's readiness for war with an elaborate spy network that touched the pharaoh's palace itself. With their powerful enemy to their north preparing for war treacherous family members sought to undermine Ramses' power to seize the throne for themselves. Even the life of the queen was threatened. Ramses would have to destroy the spy network and the Hittites or his entire country may be enslaved. Kadesh would not end the Hittite ambition. Ramses may have slowed them down but not stopped them. Traitors were still in his midst and Asha, the king's boyhood friend and Secretary of State, was in trouble. On to Volume Four.

This is the third in a five part series that really manages to blend history and full-blown fiction. Jacq's

Egypt comes alive and jumps off the page, stealing you away to a world where magic might just be real and all those dry history stores come to life. I was really surprised at who "the good guys" and "the bad guys" turned out to be, and found myself really feeling for the characters in the pages. I highly recommend reading the series in order - you might just catch yourself rereading it, like I did ... wow, I just realized how cheesy that all sounds, but they really are great books.

The series combines history, mythology, and some author's liberties with both, but the series is addictive to read. Just read it as fiction, and it's a fun and easy read. I read all 5 books within about one week.

I love everything Egypt and Christian Jacq brings it to life. He takes us back to a time when the government took care of its people and did not neglect their country in their pursuit of conquests. He humanizes the pharaohs and their families and lets us take a look at how Egyptians lived under the reign of the Pharaohs.

This is a classic collection about leadership, friendship and cleverness. This collection certainly deserves a Hollywood movie. A must read book.

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