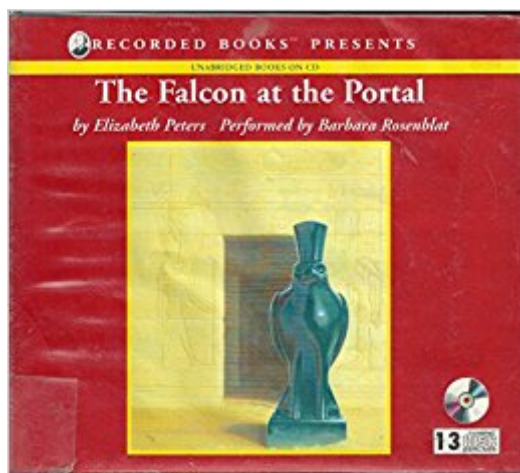


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Synopsis

Amelia Peabody and her family travel to Egypt for their annual dig. Her niece's Egyptian husband is accused of selling ancient artefacts that are actually exquisite fakes, and then the body of an American is found at the bottom of the family's excavation shaft. It becomes clear that the land of the pharaohs harbours many secrets. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

"Really,' I thought in mounting exasperation, 'there never was a household in which so many people felt free to offer their unsolicited opinions!'" This, of course, is the eminent Egyptologist and dedicated crime solver Amelia Peabody, setting the stage and the tone (an updated Oscar Wildean irony) for Elizabeth Peters's 11th book. And it's true that there are no shrinking violets in this particular household, from the redoubtable Amelia and her hot-tempered archaeologist husband Emerson (his native diggers call him the Father of Curses), to their dashing, unpredictable son Ramses (born Walter). Also, let's not forget their lovely ward, Nefret (rescued from a desert tribe several books back), and their butler, Gargery, "who wields a cudgel as handily as he carves a roast." As she has so many times before, Peters presents us with this quaint--even campy--little group of people, plops them down in an exotic Egyptian setting, and then surprises us by involving them in a story of great strength and emotion. It's 1911, and David Todros, a young Egyptian who has just married into the Peabody family, is suspected of dealing in forged antiquities, possibly to

help support a rising nationalist movement. Amelia, Emerson, Ramses, and Nefret all take various actions to help David, and there are serious, dangerous consequences for everyone involved. Despite the melodramatic setting and the theatrical language, Peters's story is--as always--modern, believable, and exciting. Other books in the Peabody series available in paperback are *The Ape Who Guards the Balance*, *The Crocodile on the Sandbank*, *The Curse of the Pharaohs*, and *The Hippopotamus Pool*. --Dick Adler --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fake artifacts, dead bodies, and a mysterious child demand Amelia Peabody's attention in her latest. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Wow. Wonderful and terrible things happen in this installment of the lives of these characters, and it will take at least another book to pick up the pieces and get them back to something like normal. And I can hardly wait!

Once again Peters exceeds my expectations. And here is the beginning of the romance ... oh, dear, perhaps I should post this here. Read the book. You won't be disappointed.

If you love any of the Elizabeth Peters Amelia Peabody Books, you will love them all. My favorite series ever! Truly is *Raiders of the Lost Ark* married with Sherlock Holmes.

This is one of my favorite Amelia Peabody mysteries. As always, the characters are finely wrought and engaging. Peters' descriptions of Egypt during the early Twentieth Century are vivid and deftly drawn. I am a true fan of the series, but some of the books in the series move a bit slowly for my taste. This is not the case in *The Falcon at the Portal*. This book has a well paced plot in which the reader is led through as many twists, turns and unexpected finds as one could expect in an Egyptian tomb. If you are a fan of the series, this installment will not disappoint.

This is one series which I hated see end. I have enjoyed Elizabeth Peters and her sense of humor over the years and I am sorry she is no longer with us. If you decide to read her books you should start with the first to keep track of all the characters and family members, although all of her books are pretty well stand alone. Her last book ties up all of the loose ends but I still will miss following the adventures of the family.

I have been reading the Amelia Peabody series by Elizabeth Peters in order. You get to know and love the family and there is enough action to keep the books moving and interesting. I have enjoyed all the books very much and I know I will miss them when I finish the series!

This series DOES go in order & progresses through the life & adventures of Peabody & Emerson. Do start with Crocodile on the Sandbanks and work your way through the series in the correct order. I expect each book is stand-alone excellent, but it's more fun to read through in order. The series is about a wealthy Victorian lady who decides to travel. She ends up in Egypt & meets an Egyptologist & falls in love & marries him. The rest is one adventure after another. You will learn some Egyptology along the way as well. Great series. Check [ameliapeabody dot com](http://ameliapeabody.com) to get the series in order & learn more. It will make you want to go to Egypt !

This is actually an amazing book. It continues the adventures of the Peabody-Emerson clan, which has just become exponentially larger with the addition of David Todros' family after David's marriage to Lia Emerson. Ah, but things are never that simple in this world, and someone soon accuses the honeymooning David of forgeries. Needless to say, Amelia, Emerson, Ramses, and Nefret are hot on the case. However, things never go easily for this clan, with Nefret and Ramses' budding relationship and the evil Percy Peabody getting in the way of the investigation and the excavation (much to Emerson's dismay). I know many people had problems with everyone's favorite girl from the oasis. However shocking this was, it was not all that surprising to me. Nefret is a girl bound to act on instinct and then regret later. So she doesn't make some of the best choices, but then we know everything she doesn't, eh? Overall, this book was fantastic and just builds up the tensions that will all come to a head in the the emotionally charged "He Shall Thunder In the Sky," my favorite Peabody novel to date. Another great addition to a magnificent series of books...

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