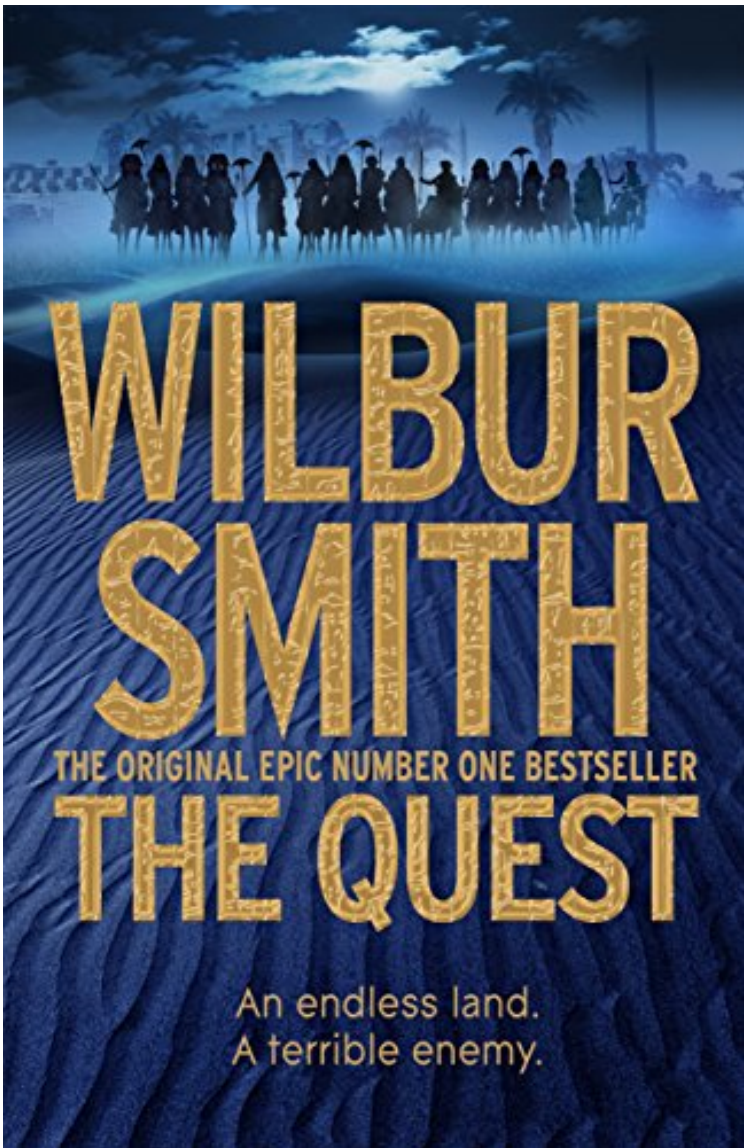


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lands at the end of their world.'You can get lost in Wilbur Smith' Stephen King'Smith writes with a fresh, crisp style . . . full of zest. A gratifying read, long awaited by his legion of admirers' Daily ExpressFrom Publishers WeeklyFans of bestseller Smith's ancient Egyptian series will welcome the fourth book in the saga, which picks up where Warlock (2001) left off. The powerful magus Taita and his loyal ally, Col. Meren Cambyses, have returned to Egypt after a journey of many years only to find the country beset by a series of plagues that include giant flesh-eating toads and river water turned to blood. Pharaoh Nefer Seti asks the pair to findand eliminatethe source of his country's torment, a mission that sends Taita and Meren on a perilous quest in which they must contend with fierce creatures both natural and supernatural. Once again Smith deftly blends history, fantasy and mythology, but newcomers should be prepared for grisly deaths and mutilations. 225,000 printing.(May) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.AudiofileWilber Smiths saga of ancient Egypt continues. Taita, beloved advisor of the pharaoh, sets out on a quest to rid Egypt of the plagues that threaten the kingdom. Taita knows that the witch Eos is behind the troubles and that he must travel to the source of the Nile to confront her. Simon Vance is an indefatigable narrator. Long narrative passages move swiftly, and dialogue is sharp. Vance keeps the rhythm of the story moving as Taita and his comrades face difficult odds in the conflict with Eos. Their struggles and the accompanying suspense are intense. While Vances portrayals of the main characters are strong and forceful, he also depicts the tenderness between Taita and Fenn, and their friendship with Meren. J.E.M. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine