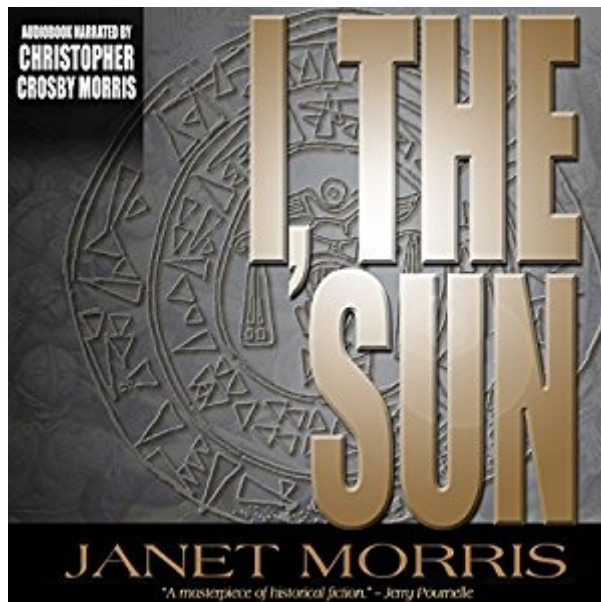


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If you thought political scheming, familial betrayal, and murderous plots were interwoven in any way you care to think of and treacherous tales of love and lust was a theme invented by the modern world about us, or the likes of George R. R. Martin, then think again. Hittite king Suppiluliumas is a historical figure who lived during the second millennium BCE. In *I, the Sun*, we follow the epic scope of his life. From an angry, arrogant boy who was just as likely to be murdered in his sleep by his siblings to accomplished military leader and tactician, loyal to his men, but ignorant of the bureaucratic intrigue that could still result in an untimely end to the brilliant leader who cared as much for his people as he did for the empire he worked so hard to inherit. But what a journey it took to get there, for even his own family were without scruples, and colored by traditions that were as calculating, as they were cold and merciless. Think of Suppiluliumas as a king in the making amid a pit of vipers. Despite the odds,

he overcame everything to achieve the throne in a game that was as staggering in its scope as it was brutal. And remember, this man actually lived... If you're looking for a quality read, one that is as meticulously researched and historically factual as it is thought provoking and intellectually stimulating, then look no further. The journey of Suppiluliumas' life will possess you, entertain you, and keep you enthralled to the very end. A polished and accomplished epic, as gripping today as it will be decades from now.

I love ancient history, especially Hittites Empire history - and this book is amazing. Author both knows ancient history very well and wrote fascinating fiction book. She managed to describe lively characters which didn't contradict known history. I read "Deeds of Suppiluliuma" before - and I'm fascinated that author preserves all known details of this historical source in her book. For people, who love bronze age history, this book is unreservedly must read.

In this age of formula fiction and uber-mass market storytelling, historical fiction has become the instrument of the romance market. A hundred romances set in medieval Scotland or Renaissance Italy, or Victorian England. It is the mainstay of a class of fiction that is as prolific as it is average. And that is profoundly disappointing to me. I love history. I love reading historical nonfiction and I itch to read fiction that can bring history to life. It could be the greatest fiction stories of historical, bigger than life figures that actually lived people whose real lives are at least as interesting and filled with drama as Aragorn's or Tywin Lannister's or Luke Skywalker's. I, the Sun is that story. This book is, far and away, my favorite book of the year and I read a lot of books. Anyone with a penchant for historical fiction or fantasy fiction should find a reason to sit down, open this one up and throw themselves into it body and soul. The ancient world is a time that has interested me in the past, but could never really lure me away from my deep love of history in feudal Asia and Europe. But, this book changed many of my predispositions, and stoked in me a new interest in the ancient world. One might think that a work of this caliber would require some knowledge of the history of this great civilization, but I knew nothing of the Hittites or their greatest King Suppiluliumas before reading this story. I didn't need it. In this excellent work, the reader quickly becomes immersed in the world. The description is so sharp and beautiful and real, that the reader feels transported into the Bronze Age world, surrounded by all the cultural and physical realities of a dark and very real existence. It closes in on you, sweeps you away. The world of the Hittite king is more

deep and thrilling and filled with intrigue than any fantasy world. What's more this story is filled with all of the great things that I love about stories of conquest, imminent death, a bigger-than-life leader, bloody combat and the lamentations of the vanquished. I can now officially say I rode in a chariot, side by side with a conqueror, dust filling my nostrils, my eyes, choking, clinging for my life. King Suppiluliumas is not your typical story book conqueror. He is a man of ever-developing character, responding with great, decisive strokes to the many conflicts he finds in the world and events around him. No flat character here: he is filled with regret, but never dissuaded by continuous inner combat with dark insecurities and strong beliefs that challenge the status quo in a world where that meant death. You will know him. You will grow with him from a young person shunted off into a brutal childhood to the ruler of (arguably) the most powerful empire of the time. His was not an easy life, and his rise to power was no easy path. You will experience it all in grim reds and browns: a story steeped in trail dust, blood and tears. If you like fantasy. If you like history. If you like adventure. This is the story for you. I Dare you to open this book and delve into its dark, and very real story.

I tend to avoid historical fiction stories. Mostly because I rather read my history in non-fiction books, and add to the fact I have read too many where they miss a lot of key elements to the time period in which they are writing about. However I was encouraged to check this book out. And I am actually glad I did. I read the book in a weekend (Friday-Sunday) I couldn't put it down. Following the epic story of King Suppiluliumas was an amazing adventure and worth the five stars I am rating this book. It is no easy task to write great historical fiction. This author knew what they were talking about and created an amazing fictional adventure hidden within history. Suppiluliumas is a character you hate, yes, but this is the man's character, and though there are a few points where I really, really hated him, in the end this is a wonderfully written piece of work. You can tell the author spent the time to research the time period instead of just looking at a few facts and that is what makes this book stand out from a lot of modern historical fiction novels. Five stars all the way. Highly recommended for anybody who loves historical fiction. A true credit to its genre.

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