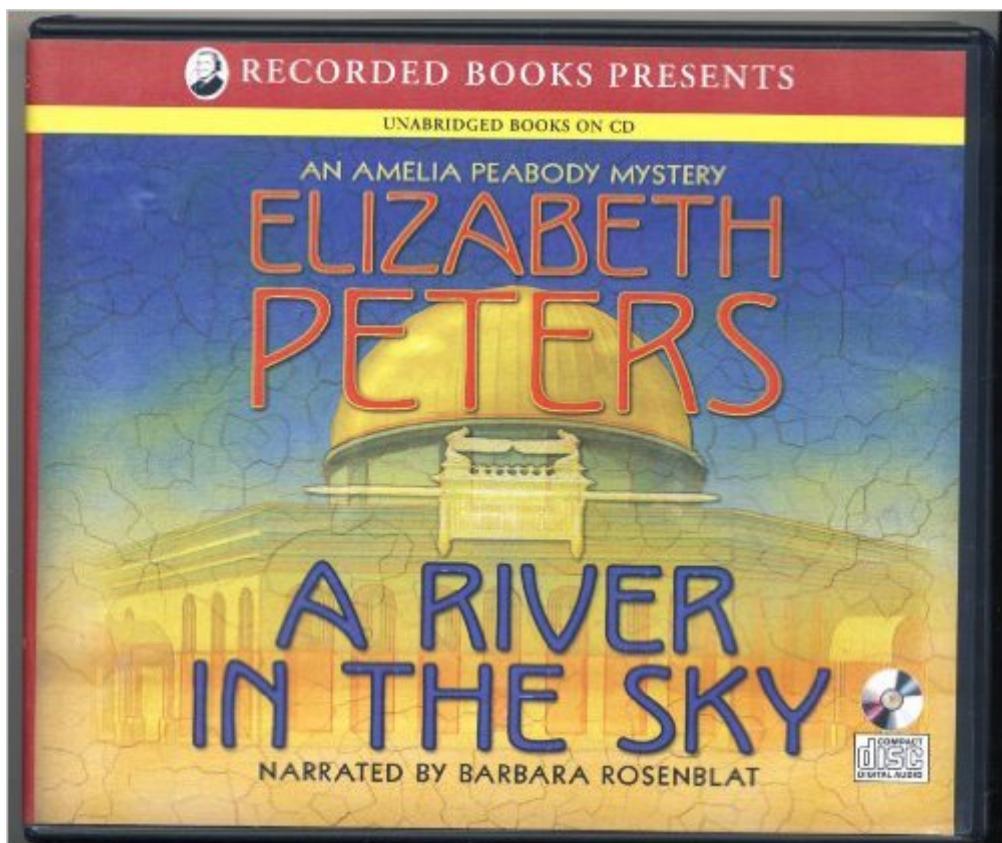


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Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth Peters brings back beloved Egyptologist and amateur sleuth Amelia Peabody in an exciting tale set amid the ancient temples and simmering religious tensions of Palestine on the eve of World War I. . . . August 1910. Banned from the Valley of the Kings by the Antiquities Service, Amelia Peabody and her husband, Emerson, are relaxing at home in Kent, enjoying the tranquil beauty of summer. But adventure soon beckons when they are persuaded to follow would-be archaeologist Major George Morley on an expedition to Palestine, a province of the crumbling, corrupt Ottoman Empire and the Holy Land of three religions. Searching for the vanished treasures of the Temple in Jerusalem, Morley is determined to unearth the legendary Ark of the Covenant. The skeptical Emerson wants no part of the scheme until a request from the War Office and Buckingham Palace persuades him to reconsider. The Germans are increasing their influence in Palestine and British intelligence insists that Morley is an agent of the Kaiser, sent to stir up trouble in this politically volatile land. Emerson can't believe that the seemingly inept Morley is a German spy, but could he be mistaken? Determined to prevent a catastrophically unprofessional excavation that could destroy priceless historical finds as well as cause an armed protest by infuriated Christians, Jews, and Muslims who view the Temple Mount, also known as the Dome of the Rock, as sacred, Amelia, Emerson, and company head to Palestine. Though it is not to her beloved Egypt, the trip to Jerusalem will also reunite her with her handsome and headstrong son, Ramses, working on a dig at Samaria, north of the holy city...

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Customer Reviews

To be frank, I am not exactly sure what to think about *A River in the Sky* by Elizabeth Peters. It's another one of her "Go Between" books where she takes the Amelia Peabody series back to the past and fills in some of the gaps. As other reviewers have mentioned, this is unsatisfying on many counts because it does nothing to move the characters forward and does nothing to develop the relationships. We already know that Ramses and Nefret get married. We already know that David marries Amelia's niece. We already know who the Master Criminal is and what happens to him. Since we already know what happens to all the characters, about all that is left to enjoy is the interaction between them, however we are robbed of that as well since Ramses and David are separated from the rest of the group for most of the book. Again, this is very unsatisfying. Finally, I really don't have the foggiest idea of what happened in the book. It involves some kind of homeland movement or something or other and much of the impetus for the crimes, whatever they are, is political-- none of which particularly interests me so I zoned out through much of it. I realize that Peters has kind of run out of places to go with this series because if she continues into the post WW I future, the history of Egyptian archaeology is fairly well known and she would have to change some history pretty blatantly, which I don't think she really wants to do. That all being said, this is still an Amelia Peabody book, and I get the feeling that Peters loves her character as much as her fans do and just can't keep from writing about her. Since she can't really go forward, she takes it backwards so she can at least do something with her.

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