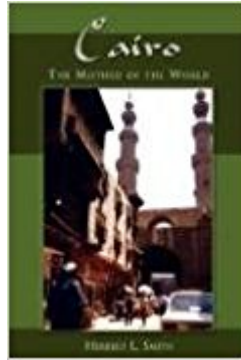


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# Cairo: The Mother Of The World



## Synopsis

Cairo: The Mother of the World explores the heart of a city that most tourists never see-an affectionate, humorous close-up of the aggregation that is Cairo, as well as an adventure among the streets, tombs, houses, and monuments that are the city yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Many have said that Cairo doesn't change, but it does, very slowly, with a foot in the past and the other stepping toward the future. That is the Cairo evident here, among all the confusion and noise and sand. And that is the Cairo many expatriates come to love. Love it with us as we walk among the people of the city and share the joy of life that only the true Cairene is capable of appreciating amid the gigantic jumble we call home. It will be an unexpected treat.

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## Customer Reviews

This slim volume is an enchanting night's read. As an ex-pat resident of Cairo in the early 1970's the memories flooded my mind as I read with delight Mr. Smith's own recollections of his time in this Nile metropolis. Written in a simple and direct style, the author's words will show you a Cairo often ignored or, sadly, missed by visitors from the West. And, amazingly, Cairo's timelessness is real, as much of what he describes could be my own remembrances of 30-plus years past. I recommend this tome as a surprising portrait of a remarkable, frustrating, easy-to-love, history-packed great city of the world -- both ancient and modern.

Simply put, this is an awesome piece. This book is filled with stories about the author's own life while in Cairo. Herbert L. Smith writes in a way that makes you feel as if you looked out your

window, you'd see this captivating part of the world bustling about right in front of your very eyes. While reading this book, I felt like I could place myself in his living quarters and see every room around me, could perfectly imagine the neighborhoods and businesses there, and perfectly see in my mind's eye what the city around him must have been like. The writing in this book is simple and to the point but descriptive enough to make you feel like you are really there. Having never been to this part of the world before, this book gives the perfect impression of what it would really be like. Herbert L. Smith did a fabulous job with this book. It's a short piece; a quick read. It's one you'll find yourself picking up again and again. Pass around to friends and family members to help spread the word about the often overlooked Cairo. A definite job well done to Herbert L. Smith for this piece!

HERB L. SMITH'S BOOK IS JUST THE RIGHT READING BOOK FOR A TRIP FROM YOUR CHAIR, JUST THE RIGHT SIZE, AND JUST THE RIGHT PRICE! THIS BOOK IS A GIFT FOR ANYONE AND EVERYONE BECAUSE IT CAN BE OPENED FOR READING AGAIN AND AGAIN. CARRY IT WITH YOU IN YOUR PURSE AND OR LEAVE IT IN THE CAR WHERE IT WILL BE READY TO OPEN AND READ AGAIN! I AM ON MY THIRD READING TRIP TO CAIRO. BUY THIS BOOK FOR A FRIEND WHO LOVES TO TRAVEL. IT TAKES YOU ON THE STREETS AND TO THE SIGHTS OF THIS COUNTRY. ENJOY!

Since I have visited the Middle East (Yemen), I found this book exceptionally interesting. He caught my attention right off the bat with showing how egocentric American students are compared to the rest of the world. I appreciated his explanation of Middle Eastern/Egyptian culture, and their perception of Western culture. I found some of the things said about Islam intriguing, and I was almost sorry to see this book end. I would have loved pictures and stories/information organized just a little more into appropriate categories. I certainly appreciated the brevity of the book and the ease with which I read it. If you want a quick look at Cairo, Egypt today, this is the book for you! I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

This is a fascinating view of Cairo and its people told through the eyes of a Westerner who lived and worked in the heart of the city. Often hilarious, always rich with human interest, it's the Cairo one would never find in a typical travel book.

"Cairo: The Mother of the World" is a nice quick read about the author's real life experiences while living in the city. A wonderfully written novel where Mr. Smith's descriptions make you feel your right there. I totally surprised myself with this book as I thought it might not be for me, I was wrong and loved it! A must read for everyone that would love to know about the overlooked parts of the city. This review is based on a complimentary copy which was provided for an honest review.

The capital of the nation synonymous with the cradle of civilization - Cairo, Egypt. "Cairo: The Mother of the World" is an exploration of this ancient city which has prospered into the modern day. Cairo has much evidence of its own long and storied history, stretching into prehistory. Bringing to light what some tourists will never see during their travels, "Cairo" is a fine read, especially for those who plan to visit this great city in the future.

This is a wonderful book, hard to put down, for anyone who would like a sense (or all 5 senses) of living in Cairo. The observations of Mr. Smith -- chapters have titles like "ramblings" "the impossible city" "schools" etc. -- bring the ordinary life of this teeming, difficult, fascinating place to life. I'm a slow reader, but it took me only two or three hours, and I was sad when I finished.

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