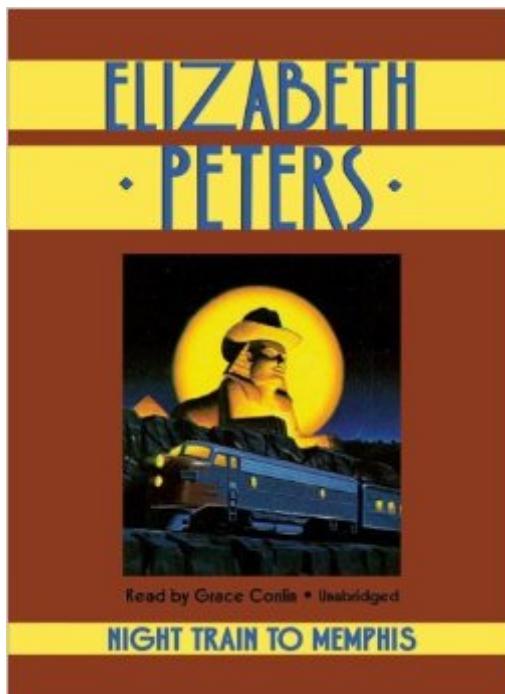


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Synopsis

Night Train to Memphis is the 5th book in the Vicky Bliss Mystery series. An assistant curator of Munich's National Museum, Vicky Bliss is no expert on Egypt. But she does have a Ph.D. in solving crimes. So when an intelligence agency offers her a luxury Nile cruise if she'll help solve a murder and stop a heist of Egyptian antiquities, all 5'11" of her takes the plunge. Vicky suspects the authorities really want her to lead them to her missing lover, the art thief and master of disguises she knows only as "Sir John Smythe." And right in the shadow of the Sphinx she spots him--with his new flame. Vicky is so furious at this romantic stab in the back, not to mention the sudden arrival of her meddling boss, that she may overlook a danger as old as the pharaohs and as unchanging--a criminal who hides behind a mask of charm while moving in for the kill.

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While I'm a long term fan of Elizabeth Peters and her delightful stories of Amelia Peabody and her mad, archeological family, I have never thought to pick up one of the Vicky Bliss mysteries. Due, I think to cover blurbs that played up the romance and played down the mystery. Faced with a long trip I decided to try 'Night Train to Memphis' on audio tape. The tape failed at a crucial juncture, and I had to pick up a copy of the book in order to finish the novel, so this review actually covers both media. Peters has a great affection for quirky, unforgettable lead women. They are always strong characters and frequently outdo their male counterparts. Vicky Bliss is no exception. She is an attractive woman, an American who has the intelligence and knowledge to hold a position at the National Museum at Munich working with Professor Anton Schimdt. The latter is one of those

characters that combine inestimable knowledge with an almost irritating roly-poly cuteness. Vicki is considerably less saccharine and lacks his compulsive fascination with American country music, the lyrics of which haunt this novel. Vicki is asked by German intelligence to take part in a fabulous cruise of the Nile River, posing as a lecturer in Egyptian history. They have information that something unpleasant was due to happen on that cruise, but, due to the death of their agent, they have no idea what. Vicki's job was to help keep whatever it is from happening. When they refuse to accept her lack of knowledge of ancient Egypt as an excuse, Vicki gives in. A chance to escape Schmidt for a bit if nothing else. To her chagrin, she finds that one of the passengers on the cruise is her lover, noted jewel thief John Smythe.

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