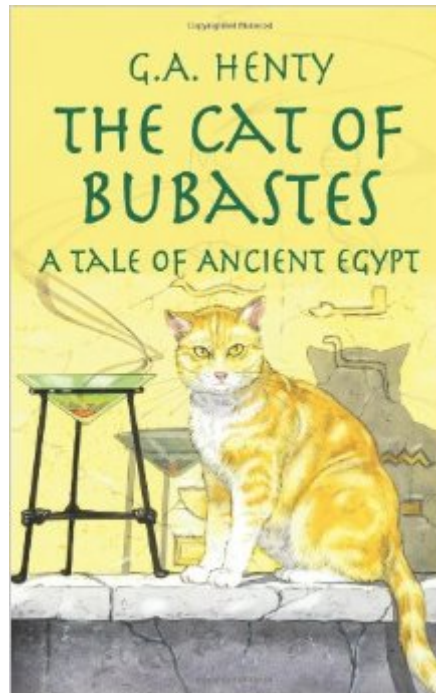


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# The Cat Of Bubastes: A Tale Of Ancient Egypt (Dover Children's Classics)



## Synopsis

Chebron, the young son of an Egyptian high priest, and Amuba, a young slave in the boy's household, are close friends; but their lives are greatly altered when Chebron accidentally kills a cat, an animal held sacred by the ancient Egyptians. Forced to flee for their safety, the boys and their companions begin a long and dangerous journey. A thrilling adventure story, this is also a tale packed with historical facts. Among other fascinating details, young readers learn about the Egyptian religion and geography, how the Nile was used for irrigation, and how the Egyptians made war and were prepared for burial. A captivating book that accurately describes life in a once magnificent civilization, this volume will especially appeal to youngsters fascinated by the life and customs of ancient Egypt.

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my 6th grader to supplement our history studies. I found myself reading it whenever she put it down and we were devouring it together for an entire weekend. Can't wait to get more Henty novels!

I don't know about you, but I have to read a book with lots of excitement to keep me reading. After reading the first three chapters, this book lay forgotten on my desk, getting covered with dust and cobwebs. My mom found it (I am an eleven year old girl who is homeschooled) and told me I had to read it. I picked up the boring book and stuck my whole face into the book. I read and read and read. I almost fell asleep a few times. Then, the light turned on for me. About half way through the book the excitement happened. I could not put the book down until it was over. So, I think this book is worth four stars and four stars only. If it doesn't have a booming introduction, I'm not reading it. (or at least not until my mom says) Some good books, however are the following. I had to read them for school. They are historical fiction. *Bonze Bow* *Hittite Warrior* *Golden Goblet*...just a few of some really good books. *The Bronze Bow* is the best book I've read in my life. Over all, I think that *The Cat of Bubastes* has its share of boring parts in it. I would much rather read Harry Potter books than this, let's put it that way. But, it has its share of excitement in it too. I would read it again if I had to.

I read this book aloud to my children ages 11 and 13. Not only were we treated to an extraordinary story but to an amazing history lesson as well. Each chapter was full of details and interesting facts about Egypt woven into an exciting and suspenseful story. The vocabulary was fairly challenging but I considered this a positive aspect of the reading experience. We learned a lot in a very painless way. We enjoyed G. A. Henty so much that we are reading another of his books now.

Superbly narrated by Jim Weiss, *The Cat Of Bubastes* is an exciting, riveting tale by G.A. Henty of Chebron (son of the Egyptian High Priest Ameres) and Amuba (a slave in the Ameres' household). Chebron accidentally kills a cat which is an act of sacrilege to the ancient Egyptians and the punishment is death. He and Amuba flee and in doing so find themselves embarking on the high road of adventure as they encounter life and death experiences among peoples of antiquity. *The Cat Of Bubastes* is a technically flawless, six CD, unabridged, six hour audio book and strongly recommended for personal and community library audio book collections.

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This republished book brims with honesty, heroism, loyalty, and selflessness. The adventure remains high throughout the book and there are a few vocabulary words to look up for the 4th-7th grade child. Henty worked hard to keep the historical setting accurate; you feel as if you were in ancient Egypt! Well worth reading.

This was my first foray into the Henty canon, and I'm looking forward to absorbing more of his adventures. "The Cat of Bubastes" is filled with memorable characters, interesting historical interludes, and vivid descriptions, all of which combine to create a complete sense of time and place - and this is not easy to do when telling a story set in an environment as foreign and far-removed as Ancient Egypt. As in many Henty novels, the young men who are the heroes of this story are strong and resourceful, and follow a moral compass. They treat women and girls with respect and honor; they are eager to expand their minds and gain useful experiences; and they are not afraid to face an evildoer with a weapon in their hands - and even put a stop to his villainy by ending his life if deemed necessary. Some readers have called the novel "boring" because of its detailed descriptions of Egyptian culture. Admittedly, Henty does have a tendency to alternate between thrilling action sequences and lectures about daily life. To me, though, this demonstrated the depth of his research and his commitment to fleshing out the ancient setting. So much of today's youth literature sacrifices good storytelling in an effort to hold a kid's attention through continual action, bathroom humor, or angst-filled characters. It was refreshing to me to read a book aimed at the young people of a century ago, and to find an author who wanted to instruct, entertain, and shape the character of his readers in a positive way.

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