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### Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

#### Amazon Exclusive: What are Sadie and Carter Kane Reading?

**Sadie Kane:** "Reading? You should talk to my brother the genius... Sometimes I read books about London and occasionally I try to learn new hieroglyphics, but mostly I'm too busy with trainees and trying to defeat Apophis."



#### My Reading List:

- *The Symbolic World of Egyptian Amulets* by Philippe Germond
- *Treasures of the British Museum* by Marjorie Caygill
- *The Annotated Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens
- *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *City Secrets London: The Essential Insider's Guide* by Robert Kahn and Tim Adams
- *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde
- *Concise Dictionary of Middle Egyptian* by R.O. Faulkner
- *Egyptian Love Spells and Rituals* by Claudia Dillaire
- *Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

**Carter Kane:** "I read a lot. That's why Sadie calls me Mr. Wikipedia. My dad is a pretty big history buff, so I read classics and try to learn as much as I can about Egypt and my ancestors. It's good research when you're trying to saving the world."



### **My Reading List:**

- *The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Civilizations* by John Haywood
- *Falconry: The Essential Guide* by Steve Wright
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, by Martin Luther King and Clayborne Carson
- *The Egyptian Book of the Dead* translated by Robert P. Winston and Wallace Budge
- *Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau
- *The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt* by Elizabeth Payne
- *The LA Lakers: 50 Amazing Years in the City of Angels* by the *LA Times* Sports Staff
- *Britannia in Brief: The Scoop on All Things British* by Leslie Baker and William Mullins
- *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas

### **Review**

3Q 4P M The third book in the Kane Chronicles series, *The Serpent's Shadow* opens with a sense of intrigue. An unnamed narrator claims to be transcribing audio recordings left behind by siblings, Carter and Sadie Kane. A mysterious introduction draws readers in right away-the narrator claims, "The tape arrived at my home in a charred box perforated with claw and teeth marks that my local zoologist could not identify." What adventure-loving teen could fail to be drawn in with such a start? As the story progresses, the siblings continue their study of ancient Egyptian writings and spells, both of which frequently come in handy as they fight against the wrath of evil gods and solicit the help of a few friendly ones. The fast pace and time travel will appeal to readers who like adventure reads. Not only does Riordan keep the plot moving along through 400 pages, he does a good job of balancing the story for new readers and fans of the series. There is enough backstory to keep first-time Riordan readers informed, but not so much that this tale gets bogged down. A solid adventure read, *The Serpent's Shadow* will have additional appeal to teens who are interested in Egyptian mythology.-Anna Foote. VOYA"

Riordan's Kane Chronicles trilogy concludes with a smash, as Carter and Sadie Kane once again try to save the world from the forces of Chaos. The giant Chaos snake Apophis and his rebel magician allies are on the rise. Luckily, Carter and Sadie Kane are back, ready to fight Apophis and restore Ma'at, the order of the universe. The ghost of an ancient psychotic magician offers help: Find the shadow of Apophis, capture it and

use it for an execration spell that will pop the evil god so far into the Duat-the magical realm that coexists with our world-that he will never return. As in the previous volumes-*The Red Pyramid* (2010) and *The Throne of Fire* (2011)-the tale is told in the alternating and still-fresh voices of Sadie and Carter. Beyond the explosive action and fireworks, Riordan deftly develops the theme of the duality of the universe-order versus chaos, living a normal life versus risking the extraordinary, being protected by parents versus growing up and stepping out of their shadows. A rousing adventure with plenty of magic and food for thought. Other gods and future stories are hinted at in the conclusion; in the meantime, Riordan's *The Kane Chronicles Survival Guide* is available to maintain the spell. (glossary, list of gods and goddesses) (Fantasy. 10-14) Kirkus"

Joined by the Egyptian gods who helped them in previous books (*The Red Pyramid*, rev. 7/10; *The Throne of Fire*, rev. 9/11) as well as their fellow teen magicians Zia and Walt, Sadie and Carter Kane face the culmination of peril in this third volume in the Kane Chronicles. Apophis, the Serpent of Chaos, is attempting to achieve his legendary goal of swallowing the Sun God, Ra, and destroying all creation. If Sadie and Carter can collect the knowledge and tools they need from journeys to ancient sites in Egypt and the Duat, the Egyptian underworld, they might be able to perform a spell of banishment on him-but they could just as easily burn themselves out in a spell of such power. As they solve puzzles and fight demons, the siblings grow in confidence and ability. Their wry asides and comedic takes on their predicament keep them accessible to their adventure-loving audience, many of whom will enjoy the romantic byplay between Carter and Zia and between Sadie and Walt. Although little is new in this iteration of Riordan's universe, the climax soundly delivers, and the denouement hints at possible future overlap with foreign gods. Paging Percy Jackson? -anita l. burkam Horn Book"

#### About the Author

**Rick Riordan** ([www.rickriordan.com](http://www.rickriordan.com)) is the author of the # 1 *New York Times* best-selling *The Heroes of Olympus, Book One: The Lost Hero*; *The Heroes of Olympus, Book Two: The Son of Neptune*; the #1 *New York Times* best-selling *The Kane Chronicles, Book One: The Red Pyramid*; *The Kane Chronicles, Book Two: The Throne of Fire*; as well as the five books in the #1 *New York Times* best-selling Percy Jackson and the Olympians series. His previous novels for adults include the hugely popular Tres Navarre series, winner of the top three awards in the mystery genre. He lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife and two sons.

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