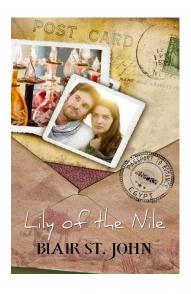
## **Discussion Questions**



## LILY OF THE NILE

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## **About the Book**

Lily Gentry is on the hunt.

When the world is rocked by news that a religious relic was secreted away from an archeological dig, Lily Gentry vows to find it. Her quest takes her to Cairo, Egypt, a city entrenched in ancient history—including her own. Soon, Lily finds herself in the cross-hairs of a terrorist organization, and she's forced to go on run with her ex-fiancé.

Ezekiel Azari is a magnet for danger.

When Ezekiel went into battle ten years ago leaving behind the only woman he's ever loved, he knew he was doing the right thing. Love doesn't belong in the battlefield. Now that Lily's back in his life, he's facing a new battle, one of the heart.

As they race against time to keep the relic out of the hands of terrorists, will Lily and Ezekiel discover that their love isn't buried as deep as they thought and that their history is an artifact worth excavating?

Grab your Passport to Romance and travel to Cairo. Discover the answer in this action-packed inspirational romantic adventure.

TITLE: Lily of the Nile

Discussion:

Question 1: What was your favorite scene of the book?

Answer 1: I particularly liked writing the scene when Lily and Ezekiel were getting ready to go to the pyramids. The sparks of Ezekiel's shock at her transformation coupled with Lily's umbrage at his assumptions was fun to write.

Question 2: Who was your favorite character?

Answer 2: I know it should be Lily or Ezekiel, but really, my favorite character is Mindy. She's a fiery old bird with a twinkle in her eye. Don't be surprised if she and Betsy wind up in other stories...

Question 3: What location in the book would you most want to visit?

Answer 3: Having been to Cairo before, I've already visited the pyramids and the perfumery (yes, some of that scene was pulled directly from real life). But after doing research for the book, I'd love to go back some day and check out the Citadel and the Hanging Church.

Question 4: If the book was made into a movie, who would you cast for the main characters?

Answer 4: For Lily, Bonnie Wright. She could definitely portray the class of Lily's wealthy upbringing, and I think she could do the adventurer side of Lily justice as well. For Ezekiel, Mena Massoud. He would of course have an authentic look, being from Cairo, and while he

Question 5: What spiritual theme stood out for you in this book?

Answer 5: I knew that forgiveness and trust were big themes of the book, right from the beginning. But it wasn't until a few drafts in that I had the scripture of the book laid on my heart. Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding." More and more as I finished the book, and beyond, God has revealed this scripture to me.

Question 6: If a spin-off story were done about a supporting character in this book, who would you want it to be?

Answer 6: I have ideas brewing for a story featuring Malakai Azari and Sarah Basara, as well as one with Mahreena Azari.

7. Which character or moment prompted the strongest emotional reaction for you? Why?

When Pavlov Basara died, both Sarah's reaction, and Lily's prayer; heartbreaking and encouraging, respectively. I couldn't even re-read those scenes while editing without crying.

8. How do you picture the characters' lives after the end of the story?

Lily stays in Egypt, and joins the order, heading up their Artifact Recovery division. He and Ezekiel will have two kids.

9. Did the story unfold the way you expected? If not, what surprised you?

On the spectrum of Plotter vs. Pantser, I hang out near the middle. I largely write by the seat of my pants, but I do a bit of plotting. One thing I didn't plot out from the beginning was Lily's career. I knew she was more than a senator's daughter, but I was blindsided when I learned that Lily was an archeologist. If she'd told me sooner, I wouldn't have had as many re-writes.

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