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Emma Fortune, a modern 1920's woman, never expected when she decided to travel to Petra, Transjordania, to find lost treasure; or that she would spend so much of her time precariously perched atop an ornery camel. Especially one that can actually aim when he spits! She also didn't bargain on then being whisked away by the Egyptian Museum's Department of Antiquities to become a key player in an elaborate marketing ploy to lure wealthy tourists to Egypt's ancient sites. Emma is often in de-NILE-1 as she combats ancient mummy curses, annoyingly flirtatious coworkers, and too many hairy situations to count! She isn't on this journey alone, though sometimes she wishes she were- enter Dash Darling, Egyptologist, who is eager to get his hands on a chest... any kind of chest; Amira, Emma's elegant right-hand lady; Ali, a recent college art grad; Alistair, a BBC journalist, and Khalid, Emma's mysterious Transjordanian guide. This team knows that they have to succeed or else risk being "wrapped up in lies" of their own making!

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## **From Reader Review Wrapped Up in Lies (The Adventures of Ms. Fortune, #1) for online ebook**

### **Rosie Chapel says**

Really great read. A diverse, yet fascinating group of characters who are cobbled together by the Egyptian Antiquities Dept to help promote tourism. I love Emma, she is endearingly clumsy and determined to do the right thing, despite all the obstacles and catastrophes thrown at her. The author, Jess Erin obviously loves Egypt and its history, as this comes across very clearly throughout her well researched story. Intrigue, humour and adventure...a great combination. Highly recommended.

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### **Nemo says**

Historical fiction is one of my favorite genres. This is a delightful story with good character development set in the 1920s. I think the author captures the period and has a lot of fun in the process. Of course the subject of ancient Egypt is fascinating and makes a great backdrop to this tale. I think it is a timely release with the ongoing developments actually occurring now with a suspected hidden room in Tut's tomb.

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### **Jason says**

This was a hilarious and exciting read full of action, comedy and history. The shenanigans in which Emma and her comrades find themselves in are humorous to say the least, but the scenes are written so vividly that it is easy to feel like you know Emma and everyone. Add in all the interesting history and this book is a must read!

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### **Courtney says**

Wrapped Up in Lies: The Adventures of Ms. Fortune is Book 1 in a comedic historical fiction series. The story takes place during the 1920's as the quirky, yet helplessly likable, Emma Fortune is in search of the adventure of a lifetime. After discovering an ancient treasure map, Emma decides to throw caution to the wind and put everything she has learned from the Cambridge Adventurers Society into practice.

She first finds herself in Petra, Transjordan, in hot pursuit of an ancient treasure...or so she thought. Once the Sheik discovers her purpose for being there, Emma is placed in a position where she has no choice but to, literally, hang on for dear life. Luckily, her time in Petra came to a close with Emma finding "true wealth"—namely, her ornery camel, Lumpy.

Fortunately for Ms. Fortune, her rightful adventure was just around the next sand dune. As much as she would hate to admit it, Dash Darling was the catalyst for the greatest adventure she could have ever hoped for. Dash was sent from the Egyptian Department of Antiquities to recruit Emma for an elaborate marketing ploy set forth by the Museum in an attempt to bring wealthy tourists to the area. Despite the obvious moral issues of the assignment, Emma could not turn away from such a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—being paid

to travel through Egypt and 'recreate' history...what girl wouldn't jump at a chance like that! Emma and her crew (Dash, Alistair, Khalid, Ali, Amira, and the camels) left Cairo prepared to pull off the greatest hoax Egypt has ever seen.

But, of course, Egypt means mummies, and mummies mean curses – which, as it turns out, Emma and the group are not immune to. The trials and tribulations of their journey are hilarious, quirky, and full of fun. Between Emma's clumsy antics, feisty banter with Dash, and more than a few (shall we say...) hairy situations, *Wrapped Up in Lies: The Adventures of Ms. Fortune* is overflowing with personality. It truly does have a little bit of something for everyone: humor, history, mystery, romance, and an out of the ordinary adventure. This series has no choice but to be a guilty pleasure on everyone's bookshelf. It has definitely become one that I will reach for when I want a fun read that is guaranteed to put a smile on my face. I recommend this book to teens, young adults and adults alike.

P.S. Rumor has it that the sequel will be hitting Amazon in the near future, just saying...

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### **Book Lover says**

If you want something to relax with, then this is the book for you! Fun with history woven in.

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### **Chantal Baxendale says**

This is a cute story, very lighthearted, humorously silly and fun. Emma is a normal lady, which most of us can relate to, with big dreams and ambitions and tremendous bad luck. This is a story that reflects different points of views from all the main characters which makes you connect with them all on a subconscious level. There is good flow of action as well as factual information and actions that would suit the time period which makes it feel more 'real'. If you are interested in something light and fun or even enjoy the time period or location, than this is a good read for you!

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### **Carfrog says**

A really fun book for lovers of historical fiction. Quirky in all the best ways with a lot of interesting historical tidbits thrown in. I was amazed how quickly I read through this book, and can't wait to see what happens next to Emma and her motley team.

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### **Cori Macrae says**

a good beach or airplane book

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### **Aly says**

A little bit of history and a little bit of fun! This book was good. Emma is a fun character and this book had me giggling. I loved the humor and history woven into this great story. \* I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **S.M. Spencer says**

This is a cute little story - probably aimed at much younger readers than most books I read. The characters are stereotypical and throughout the book I was reminded of old B&W movies--I'm showing my age here--the likes of Laurel & Hardy or the 3 Stooges. Silly but fun.

I wish there were 1/2 stars available as I think this book is better than a 3, but for me, I can't say it's a 4 compared to other books I've read/reviewed either. But it's an easy read with some interesting settings--an enjoyable romp back in time.

3 1/2 stars for me

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### **Dianne says**

The movie "The Mummy" comes to mind and only because if it can it will go wrong for our klutzy heroine. Funny but not fake, I enjoyed the characters that lived and breathed.

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### **Rebecca Norman says**

I love a good historical novel, so although this novel is set in 1920's Egypt, it is about the country's ancient heritage and this was what attracted me to it. It is obvious that the author loves Ancient Egypt, her passion clear in the well researched historical content.

Emma Fortune is a beautifully portrayed heroine - a clever and funny, albeit clumsy young woman caught up in a plan to encourage tourists to visit Egypt. The other characters are diverse and interesting, each with their own back story and reason for being caught up in the scenario. Although the story centres around Emma, the author does not ignore her fellow participants, creating a well rounded and fascinating tale, combining intrigue with some very funny exploits.

I couldn't put it down and can't wait for Emma's next adventure!

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### **Lee Parker says**

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This was a fun, quick and easy book to read. Although the book is almost silly at times, you can't help but fall in love with the characters. I for one could not wait to read about what catastrophe would next strike poor Emma. Silly and quirky, but well worth the time spent reading.

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### **Whitney says**

Fun and entertaining. A quick read with enjoyable characters. I appreciated the feminist angle as well. Ms. Fortune is feisty and I like it!

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