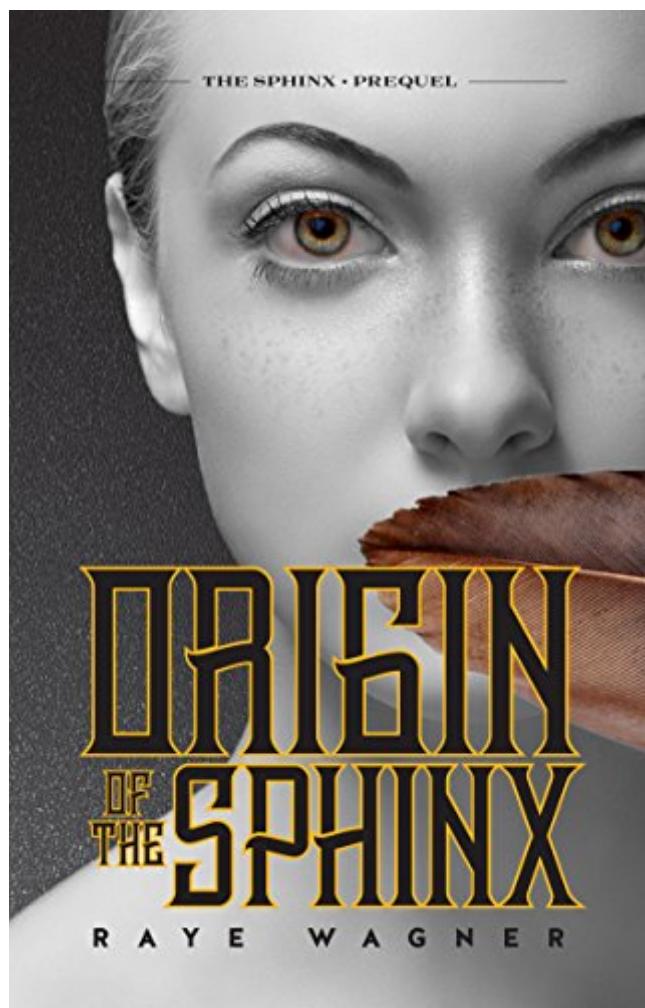


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Synopsis

Before the curse, there was a girl who refused a god...In Ancient Greece, the invocation May the gods watch over you was more than a spoken blessing. It was an entreaty for divine benevolence. Phoibe, daughter of Hera, lives a simple life. Raised by her aunt in the small town of Belen, Phoibe's dream is to marry the handsome Isaak and have a family. But the mortal man is not the only one with his eye on the beautiful demigod. The gods have unlimited power, but the Olympians don't fix problems. They make bigger ones. Have you uncovered the curse? Set in Ancient Greece, this dark fantasy blends mythology and romance typical of the gods of Olympus. A prequel novelette of The Sphinx series, Origin of the Sphinx is a short story, just under 100 pages.

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Customer Reviews

This story was absolutely heartbreakingly beautiful. I loved the entire series and looked forward to learning more about where the sphinx in the story came from. The author had a great grasp of the internal conflicts of her heroine. I knew there wouldn't be a happy ending, because it is a sort of prequel

novella to Curse of the Sphinx. But if I didn't believe it before, I really believe now that the Greek gods were way too busy getting involved in human lives, and it was obviously detrimental to the people in this story. My heart hurt for Phoibe, and I wanted to warn her throughout the book. But in the end, I just wanted to smack Apollo upside the head. Ms Wagner has a true grasp of the dynamics between the Greek gods and the humans they affect. She has definitely done her research and was true to the era in which this story took place. I appreciated all of the detail and the heart that went into this work, and I can't wait to see what she writes next.

That prologue. Whoa! Find out how the curse began... An attractive man... A god... Daughter of Hera... Drastic consequences... From the start, the writing and the world gripped my attention - not leaving me a moment to breath. That's how breathtaking it was! Full of gods, demigods, mistrust, confusion, consequences, love, curses, death, sorrow and the Fates. Perfect for readers of Greek mythology/ dark fantasy romance/urban mythology.

This is a great backstory to the series. This is a novella that gives the backstory of the Curse of the Sphinx. I actually read this after reading the first three books in the series. Loved Pheobe and Apollo is still an ass lol. Mixes a little Greek and Egyptian mythology makes for a fantastic series. Raye is a fun writer her books just flow and she drags you into the story and makes you want more and more.

I never would have thought so much could happen in so few pages. The first few pages were a bit disorienting because of the complicated names and unfamiliar setting, but once I got past that and adapted, the novella became very enjoyable. I absolutely loved Phoibe and Isaak. The attraction was instant, but then there was this long period of courting through letters, which I liked. I didn't like Apollo for obvious reasons (Team Isaak over here), but I never expected the ending. I actually gasped, and then proceeded to cry. Oh my. One thing did confuse me though. I thought the setting was and time period were unique, but I'm not sure when exactly the story is set. It seemed like forever ago, yet there were modern day phrases that jarred me, such as same old, same old and a few others I can't remember. Other than that, I think the author did an excellent job, and I can't wait to dive into the next two books. If you liked this, you should try Legacy of Kings.

I actually read the 3 other novels in the series before picking this one up. I loved the others so much that this had a lot to live up to and I am not usually an avid reader of novellas. I think I may just be a new fan of shorter stories! Raye Wagner never disappoints, and this was no exception. A wonderful

addition to the Sphinx series. I will be reading absolutely anything I can get my hands on by this author. If you haven't been reading her yet, you should be!

The gods are enormously powerful, but they don't fix problems. They make bigger ones. Uncover the curse. . .Origin of the Sphinx is a prequel novella in the Curse of the Sphinx series. Origin is a novella that will captivate you from start. I enjoy reading books based on any mythology so this was a logical choice for me. I love Raye Wagner's world with gods, demigods, monsters and mortals. I'm impressed with how much world she managed to build in so little pages and develop such great characters. Phoibe (demigod) is a naive and sweet young woman who was raised by her aunt Priska. Phoibe falls in love with a mortal but also catches the eye of god Apollo. He wants her and won't take no for an answer. Phoibe must choose between arrogant god and love of her life - mortal man. This is a story about family, loyalty, love, arrogant and vengeful gods, choices and consequences. Love it and would recommend it!

I. DO. NOT. LIKE. NOVELLAS. SERIOUSLY. *five seconds later* EXCEPT THIS WAS SUCH A GOOD NOVELLA *evil smirk* This novella...I mean, I would honestly love to review a book in this series, but I can't. And that depresses me to no end, because I really want to jump in. Mythology+Ancient Egypt+love+magic is like the perfect recipe, and that's what this novella is all about. This review isn't so much a "review" as it is a pleading cry for the first Sphinx book to be published. I was contacted by the author, Ms. Wagner, to review her novella because of a book recommendation request I made on GR. Long story short, she offered me an ARC, and I had to decline, because I had already purchased the novella some ten hours previously. But I got the pleasure of exchanging messages with her, and asked her (in my polite reviewer voice, of course) when the first book would be out. It's still a work in progress, but if it's anything like this novella, then I'll be hooked. I give five stars to, yes, this short little mini book midget because I am highly anticipating the release of the first book, and the rest of the series to follow. Also, a bonus star (it's like the Happening Star in Mario Party...like the only star I ever win) because of this GORGEOUS COVER. Seriously, I'm not sure how the cover of the first book can top this, because this is, like, perfection.

I loved getting to understand how the sphinx came to be. Phoebe and Iaasks story was beautiful and heartbreakingly sad all at the same time. Apollo is an ass! All because he was turned down! I think after reading this book I've figured out how to break the curse but I'm keeping it to myself. ^%

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