

# **HER MAJESTY THE KING**

by

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## Summary

*A tale of kings and queens, a bloodstained struggle for the throne and forbidden love...*

*When power was absolute and life was short...*

*A young woman was destined to rule the world's first empire.*

Hatshepsut, the gifted and beautiful daughter of the Pharaoh, vows to accept whatever fate the gods have decreed for her. When just fourteen, she kills a marauder, is betrothed to her loathsome brother and becomes the most powerful priestess in Egypt. She falls in love with Senenmut, the brilliant commoner who is torn between his yearning for Hatshepsut and his duty to protect her. When her father dies, Hatshepsut must make the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of Egypt.

*Her Majesty the King* is the story of Hatshepsut's turbulent path to the throne. She battles bigotry, heartbreak and betrayal in the glittering but treacherous world of Egypt's royal court. Hatshepsut and Senenmut's forbidden passion is one of history's greatest untold love stories. In a novel based on real people and events, author Patricia L. O'Neill cracks the mystery of the female Pharaoh's rise to power with painstaking research using the original ancient sources. *Her Majesty the King* is a triumphant blend of historical fact and heart-stopping emotion—historical fiction that will draw you in and hold you spellbound.

\* *Her Majesty the King* won the 2008 NSW Writers' Centre & New Holland Publishers Award for Genre Fiction.