

The Talisman Ring of Amenhotep By Zev de Valera The focus of the story is obviously on Julian and the ring he acquired while in Egypt but there's a lot more to things than that; the ring is more than just a pretty bauble and the mystery surrounding it is a pretty big one. I do wish that there had been a little more information about Julian's new beau (what you get is fairly minimal) and as I didn't get to see the start of their 'relationship'.

Theo Barojas. Julian is a little embarrassed and is just waiting for Theo to give him some good natured ribbing for coming away from the market with the ring.



Born in New York City and raised in the San Joaquin Valley of California Zev now splits his time between Brooklyn New York and Stratford Connecticut with his husband two cats and one dog. Can one innocent act change your life forever? When mild-mannered veterinarian Julian Wingate picks up an unusual bauble for a song in Cairo's Khan-al-Kalili he has no idea that the acquisition of this ancient ring will alter the course of his future. Recently widowed from the famous Egyptologist Theo Barojas Julian finds himself on the point of tossing aside all reminders of the past; eager to start his new life with an old love . 17000 words Historical/Paranormal/Fantasy The Talisman Ring of Amenhotep Reviewed for Prism Book Alliance DANGER: CLIFF AHEAD This interesting little short is reminiscent of Indiana Jones with a sprinkling of a superhero tale. Naturally Theo recognizes the importance of the ring immediately but dies suddenly 3 days later of a brain aneurysm so Julian stashes the ring until he decides to attend a posthumous collection of Theo's life's work at The Met where he bumps into a reporter Hiroshi Sato. Julian Wingate is in Egypt with his partner noted Egyptologist instead Theo is stunned by the find as it backs up the theory that Theo has been proposing relating to the Anunnaki and Amenhotep. How do you not fall for a man who declares that champagne is "essential for a proper bubble bath"? He's a great match for Julian and I liked reading about the start of their world as a couple. She's got a reluctant handsome henchman with a story of his own Hiroshi Sato and an assistant Vivan Loving who has an air of mystery about her as well that I really liked. X X fingers crossed it will be soon! ebook I was trolling around goodreads yesterday looking for something fun to read after finishing a heavy book and found this wonderful short: The beginning of the story takes place in Egypt where you get a bit of set up with Julian and his husband Theo, I liked the initial introduction with the work Theo was doing; it made for an interesting change from other stories I've read that take place in the same area/time: There's a time jump after that where the plot of the book really gets going but I didn't mind that at all as things would've dragged on otherwise: Add in some shady secondary characters and a new love interest and I was fairly invested in seeing where the story would go: Julian is shopping through the market at Cairo's Khan-al-Kalili market and he always brings back trinkets from their travels for their friends. He's just finishing up when he is drawn to one stall that he doesn't recognize and that piques his curiosity: He has a decidedly strange encounter with the shop keeper that insists he take a ring as a gift: Julian is a little disconcerted with the encounter and heads back to the hotel to meet Theo. but the curious ring - boxed away for almost a year - beckons , Once Julian slips the artifact upon his finger nothing

in his well-ordered life will ever be the same: Sorry I'm not up on my superheros otherwise I'd be more specific: Maybe the Green Lantern? There's a ring with some sort of magical powers? As typical of this archetype there has to be a villain. In the case of *The Talisman Ring of Amenhotep* is an enigmatic female everyone refers to as *The Directrix*. Well all indications point to her being villainous; she's powerful her office is high up in the building no one knows much about her but they're all intimidated by her: So Julian and his partner Theo who's an archeologist specializing in Egyptology go to Egypt and whilst shopping Julian meets an odd man who insists he take a great gift. Julian's dismayed by this and hides it from Theo until they get home: The characters probably could've been fleshed out more but I'm guessing with an ending like this is only the beginning: The prose is flowery and loaded with adjectives but very few errors: I liked the story arc but I wouldn't categorize this as a romance: I would like to thank MLR Press for providing me with a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review: ebook Zev de Valera had already established himself as one of my favorite authors with his novel *The Ultimate Submission*, Imagine my excitement to dive into his *The Talisman Ring of Amenhotep*: Not only the pleasure of his prose once more but---since I love all things ancient Egypt---a story centered on Egypt and mystery and curses and all that delicious stuff! Mr, De Valera did not disappoint! This was quite a short book an easy read in the time department. Just a taste enough to whet one's appetite and direct them to his upcoming sequel: One thing I love about this author's work is his comfort levels with his portraits of men and their intimacy, His grit and---well what I find fabulous about his work---his urgency. I don't see this very often and I relish having found it in his writing. Mix of the modern world and its study of ancient history glitz glamour mystery sensuality tension. As I read---and I'm not just saying this to flatter---it was quite like watching a wonderful film, Hats off to another success by Zev De Valera! Cannot wait for the sequel! ebook Review written for Love Bytes Reviews. I have to say there was quite a bit to take in with this story things just seemed to progress from friends to 'hot and heavy' too quickly. Overall I enjoyed the story and the mystery surrounding both the ring and the people after it and I look forward to continuing the series to see where the author takes things, If you're looking for a shorter read with a hint of mystery you may want to give this one a look, ebook Well this was a lot of fun and the beginning of this series had me hooked in the 60-ish pages that made up this first installment: The author was able to really pack a lot into a small package without any part of the story feeling overwhelmed or muddled. Theo calls the ring a *Talisman* while for Julian it becomes the symbol of the end of Theo's life as Theo is taken from him tragically just a few days later: The mystery of the ring remains unsolved and it's packed away, Fast forward a year later to the point when Julian is pulling his life back together and getting ready to move forward again and he finds the ring: He slips the ring on he really does like how it looks and he asks himself "Why keep it locked away? It can be a symbol of a new beginning as well as an end. " Well it is a beginning all right this is when the mystery really gets going: Strange things start happening strange but kind of subtle things that keep the story believable: The story is strong and interesting but I have to say I really love the characters: Since this is the first installment there is still some mystery to most of them but there is plenty of information there to get attached to: He's at the beginning of a potential relationship with a man who has been a friend and business partner for years Dinesh. I have a serious book crush on Dinesh he's the epitome of charming, Every great adventure story has to have a villain and the *Directrix* is the perfect classic old school villain. She's beautiful brilliant powerful and she wants Julian's ring. She knows what the ring means she knew Theo and she's not going to stop until she gets what she wants, There was a really sweet new romance an exotic mystery some seriously sexy sexy-times and they were all wrapped up in a well written package. I highly recommend this one and I'll definitely be on the lookout for the next installment. de Valera's book *The Ultimate Submission* and enjoyed his style, Unlike the previous book which was heavy on the sex this gem turned out to be a campy ride with Julian Wingate and a special ring. It seems that while it's being worn the ring imbues the wearer with some rather unique powers. Unfortunately it turns out that the ring has a twin currently owned by a wealthy businesswoman known as the *Directrix*, The story has the perfect blend of the possible and the questionable that kept me reading and

grinning: Julian is the perfect good guy while the Directrix is the perfect female villain and they play off of each other well, The secondary characters are well fleshed out and add a lot to the story. The story flows smoothly and the surprise ending leaves just enough of an opening for a sequel: Don't be put off by the cover just because it lacks a naked buff torso[1]

Especially for its smaller size. I kept hoping for a cat to appear for her to stroke. Foiled again! Back to this ring. Guess who he works for? Highly sought this ring is. I enjoyed this short. It's adventurous with good pacing. It's far more action/adventure than romance in my opinion. If you enjoy adventure tales or superheros you'll enjoy this. What a treat. His descriptions of men their bodies their needs. flawless real so base so easy and bold. Sex but oddly not just sex. Something deeper more primal. The story itself is gorgeous. Very colorful very vivid. Written in glorious Technicolor. That's just me though. It's got adventure colorful descriptions and memorable characters. I like Julian a lot. He's a little fussy but in the most charming of ways. This story has a little bit of everything. I've actually already nagged the author . . . I had read Mr. This short story delivers. Highly recommended. ebook.