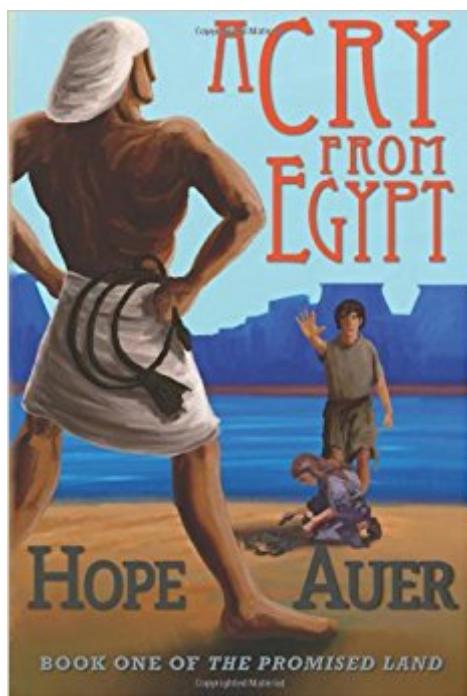


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# A Cry From Egypt (The Promised Land) (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

â œI seriously have no words that can properly explain everything awesome about this book.â • â “ Dawn Winters from -Dawn Winters from Guiding Light Homeschool Blog â œAfter reading the first chapter with the children, I snuck off to read more. I stayed up late to finish it. Thatâ ™s how drawn into Jarahâ ™s world I was.â • â “ Linda B at Homeschooling 6 â œI have worked as a writing teacher and editor for for my entire adult life. I have read more stories from young authors than I can count, but Hopeâ ™s work is the first to make me think of JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis, and Frank Peretti when I read it. â • â “ Patsy Brekke at Writing Foundations â œOne of the things I enjoyed most about this book as a parent was that Hope did an excellent job of focusing on her story, while staying true to the Biblical account of the plagues in Egypt. She allowed the Bible to speak for itself with the details she presented, neither adding nor subtracting from it.â • â “ Michele P from Family, Faith, and Fridays â œFast paced, Biblically and historically accurate, great fun!â • â “ Hal & Melanie Young, authors of Raising Real Men, 2011 CSPA Book of the Year Know whatâ ™s even better? Hope is a recent homeschool graduate herself â “ and so is the illustrator, Mike Slaton! She actually came up with the idea when her family was studying ancient Egypt. Inspire your own children to write!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Hope Auer's book, A Cry From Egypt, succeeds on multiple levels. There are shining examples of young people wrestling with doubts and trying to understand what God is doing. There are delightful examples of healthy families, under difficult circumstances, doing what families do caring for each

other, teasing each other, loving each other. There is romance - young people thinking about marriage and seeking wise counsel facing the eternal struggles of the course of true love. As a historian, I particularly admired her portrayal of ancient Egypt in the time of Moses. We pass too lightly through the list of the ten plagues. We know how the story ends. For those who lived it, it must have been terrifying. They had no idea what would come next, or how the story would end. Miss Auer has done an admirable job of showing us the impact that the dramatic events of the Exodus must have had on ordinary families in Egypt. *A Cry From Egypt* is a great read for young adults from upper middle to high school (and adults could profit by reading it too!) ---Rob Shearer, Publisher, Greenleaf Press

Miss Fashionista is now in 8th grade, and she is reading at grade level, but she is not one of those given to curling up with a good book and staying up into the wee hours to finish Just. One. More. Chapter. Until now. Hope Auer is a young writer who has been creating stories for many years already. She is the author of *A Cry From Egypt*, the historical fiction story of a young Hebrew slave in Egypt prior to the Exodus. Each chapter is filled with drama and suspense woven around the dangers and trials of those who witnessed the ten plagues that fell upon Pharaoh and his people. One night before bed, I asked Miss Fashionista to check it out for me before we started reading it aloud together later in the week. Turns out, she couldn't put it down until she finished it. I woke up to the note outside her bedroom door the next morning. When she did get up the next day, the first thing she said to me was Mom! You have to buy the next book! Order it now! Unfortunately, I had to tell her that it wasn't quite written yet that part at the end of the book was just a sample of the next book Hope is working on. This first book in The Promised Land series is still in pre-production mode itself. I have worked as a writing teacher and editor for my entire adult life. I have read more stories from young authors than I can count, but Hope's work is the first to make me think of JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis, and Frank Peretti when I read it. The action flows so well, it is hard to put it down. The characters and their mannerisms are genuine and entirely believable. They are so fully developed that even adults will enjoy it. Miss Fashionista loved the main character's courage and her family's willingness to risk their own lives for each other. But it's not all happy circumstance. At times, we couldn't turn the pages fast enough to find out what would happen next. At other times, we were reaching for a tissue along the way. Miss Auer has a talent for drawing in a reader's emotions and enabling us to experience the story as all the great works of fiction do. I could go on and on about the book, but I don't want to ruin it for anyone. You and your family just have to read it. You will love it! Whether you are studying ancient history this year or not, you won't want to miss this book. It is a great read for all ages. ---Patsy Brekke, Writing Foundations

Hope Auer has been writing stories and plays actively since she was very young. Through her schooling years she developed a passion for history and telling stories which eventually culminated in the writing of The Promised Land Series. In addition to writing, Hope loves the Lord, life, church, family, and children. She was homeschooled and works and learns alongside her family, who are the first people to read her books. Hope has a heart for children that is evident as she helps in youth theatre, teaches piano, and writes stories. Hope also has a little Shih Tzu named Sophie who often sits on her lap and helps her write.

We read this historical fiction book as part of our Tapestry of Grace homeschool curriculum, while we studied Moses and Ancient Egypt. My 6-1/2 year old son (1st grade) and 5 year old daughter (kindergarten) both LOVED the book, as did I. (I will add that my children have been listening to chapter book read alouds since my oldest was about three, so they have developed quite the attention span and appetite for such books. Not all 5 and 6 year olds will be ready for a book this meaty, but it is quite appropriate even for teens and adults!) A Cry From Egypt really made the time period we were studying come to life, and illustrated what life in Ancient Egypt was like for the Hebrews and the Egyptians. The book follows the life of a young Israelite girl, Jarah, and her family and friends, and as such, it makes it easy for children to relate to the story since the characters are similar in age to themselves. The main theme of the book is how the Israelites, who are slaves to the Egyptians, cry out to their God, Yahweh, and how he hears their cries. My kids requested, "More Jarah!" often, so we typically read 1-3 chapters per day, followed by some discussion of what we had read. The plagues of Egypt are a big part of the story -- I read part of the Passover chapter through tears -- but I felt it was a powerful teaching tool, and one that led to lots of positive family discussions, both about history and our own beliefs today. Another point to note is that the main character, Jarah, starts off with a lot of doubt about her own beliefs, but as the story progresses, you get to hear her thoughts and prayers, and witness her growing faith. Quite powerful in and of itself. We give it 5 stars!

Age Appropriate For: All Ages  
Best for Ages: 8 - 15  
I have heard so much good about this book. Yes, it was meant for younger readers, and I knew that going in. However, I find books meant for younger readers often to be a way to unwind in the evening. They are less challenging (most of the time) to my brain and often very good. Biblical fiction can be difficult. After all, it is a balance not to have so much fiction that you forget what the Bible says, nor so much Bible you might as well have just read that instead of the fiction book. Auer nailed the balance in this book. She stuck to the biblical

account while adding a personal feeling to the story. Historically, she also did a great job as far as I could tell. I am not an expert, but from everything I have studied about Egypt and the Israelites, the history was spot on. The little details of daily life made the story feel alive and will help readers get a clear picture. There were a couple of things that diminished my enjoyment of the book. First, the large cast of characters with many with similar names was a challenge even for me. I can see this being even harder for young children. Secondly, it was obviously written for much younger readers. I think that my favorite part was the family dynamics. Each member of the family was very different and had their own struggles. Much of the book was spent dealing with family issues in a godly way. I highly recommend this book for younger readers who enjoy biblical fiction, good stories, and solid faith messages.

My kids love this book and beg me to read every night so they can find out what happens next. Even my teen looks forward to hearing it.

We are not even finished with this book, but we LOVE it!!! So captivating and puts you right there in Ancient Egypt. We are reading this as a part of our homeschool curriculum, and the kids beg me to read to them every day. This is a very well-written book by a clearly talented author. We are now on the hunt for more of her books. :)

This book was fantastic. It was really good for me on my journey with God. I loved it and I think every one should read it. I think that Jarah's adventure with Yahweh was absolutely amazing. I could relate to it because sometimes we have doubts but in the end it always relates back to Jesus. It was awesome and I hope I can continue to read the rest of this wonderful series.

It's a very good book. It gives you a good view on what life would of been as a Hebrew in Egypt during the enslavement of the Hebrews. The author does a great job bringing you into the story and feeling the feelings the people had. The book is historical and I am homeschooled and it was a requirement for my reading and history and I really enjoyed the book and like the author and that she was homeschooled too!

My daughter and I have been reading this book together. We both look forward to sitting down and pouring through the chapters together. This book is extremely well written. It not only holds her attention, but mine as well. We are both looking forward to the next book in the series. If it is as

good as this one, and I'm sure it will be, we will own the whole series. Hope is an excellent writer - I look forward to reading more of her work.

May be very good but was too scary for my almost 6 yr old son. We do expose him to stories with truth about good and evil but this was just very upsetting and intense for his tender heart. Good for older children. I thought it would be good for our studies on ancient Egypt.

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