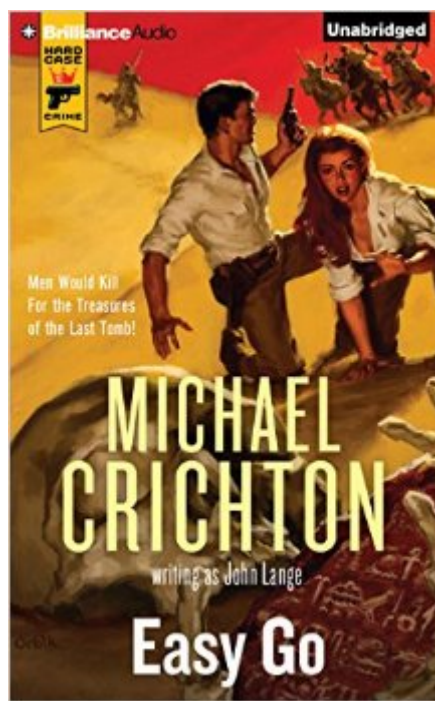


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Beneath the sands of the Egyptian desert lies treasure beyond imagining. And when a professor of archeology finds clues to the location of a Pharaoh's lost tomb in ancient hieroglyphs, he hatches a plan to find the burial site and plunder it. But can a five-man team of smugglers and thieves uncover what the centuries have hidden? And even if they find it, can they escape with it and with their lives?

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work on many levels, was a bestseller. Thus it was inevitable that someone would bring out any other Crichton material in ebook form. Easy Go is one of these books and it is surprisingly not bad.

This is an adventure novel at its purest, and on that level it works. It's not the painstakingly researched and plotted stories we're used to from Michael Crichton which is probably why he never released it under his own name in his lifetime. There's plenty of action, and who doesn't like the idea of amateurs looking for an Egyptian pharaoh's unopened, untouched tomb? They have to figure out some cryptic ancient puzzles, outwit the authorities, and put in some hard labor. They don't find it immediately and Crichton does a good job of making you sure they're going to give up, that perhaps the tomb doesn't exist at all. When they finally find it I was ready to cheer. They aren't free and clear, however, the tomb itself has some surprises for them and the authorities aren't as clueless as they think. There were some problems with this book. Loose strings that never get tied up, a pretty lame romance, stereotypical characters. Still, it's so hard to find a good adventure novel these days that I'd have forgiven that and just enjoyed the ride, and those Egyptian nights of adventure amidst eons of buried human history, except for the one huge problem this book has. We are given zero explanation, no back-story motivation for why the main character is so determined to plunder this tomb. Nothing gets in his way, he's willing to give up his time, his energy, the love of his life, even his very life--whatever it takes to rob a tomb. This got more and more irritating as the story progressed. When he's first approached to take on the job he laughs really hard. I thought that meant he saw some terrific irony in it that would tie into something big in his background. But his laughter is never explained and there is no backstory that tells us why he's so obsessed. He just...is.

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