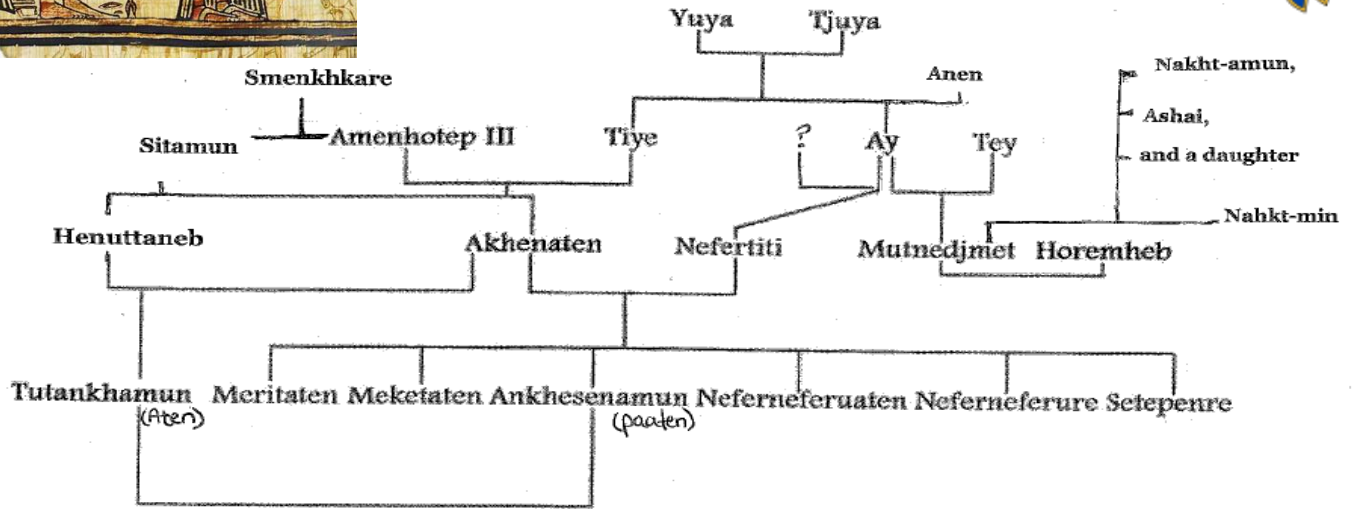




**Book Group Discussion Guide:**

The family tree for  
 “The Forgotten: Aten’s Last Queen”

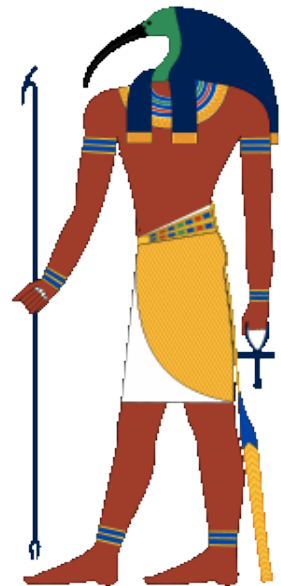


Other children of Amenhotep III & Tiye:  
 Thutmose; Iset; Nebetah; Beketaten

Other wife of Akhenaten from Mittani:  
 Tadukhipa  
 Tadukhipa + Akhenaten = Marahkaten

Discussion Questions:

1. Thousands of years after the Pharaoh’s ruled Egypt (a.k.a. Kemet), this ancient civilization continues to fascinate the globe. What aspects of Egyptian life are of interest to you? Did the narrated historical setting feel authentic? What aspects of ancient Egyptian life surprised you?
2. How realistic was the characterization? Would you want to meet any of the characters?
3. Ankhesenpaaten is the third daughter by Nefertiti and Akhenaten. What does she imagine her future will look like in the first part of the book? What events transpire to change her role?





4. In terms of the book's structure, why might the author have chosen to tell the story in two different periods of time and what difference does it make in the way you read or understand it? The book is also broken into different parts. What does the name for these different parts signify?
5. What parallels can be drawn between modern struggles for religious freedom and those that occurred during the reign of Akhenaten? In what ways could Akhenaten have "better marketed" his religious movement?
6. It is a commonly accepted belief that Moses came to Egypt in a later dynasty during the reign of Seti I and Ramses IV. Why do you think the author chose to place this significant Biblical event during the reign of Amenhotep III (Akhenaten's father)?
7. Describe the motivations behind Ay's actions. How has his past successes and failures shaped his actions? What do you think he values most in his life? What do you think he finds as his greatest failure?
8. Was the ending satisfying? Is there anything you felt was not tied up by the end of the story? What would you have changed about the ending?
9. If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask?