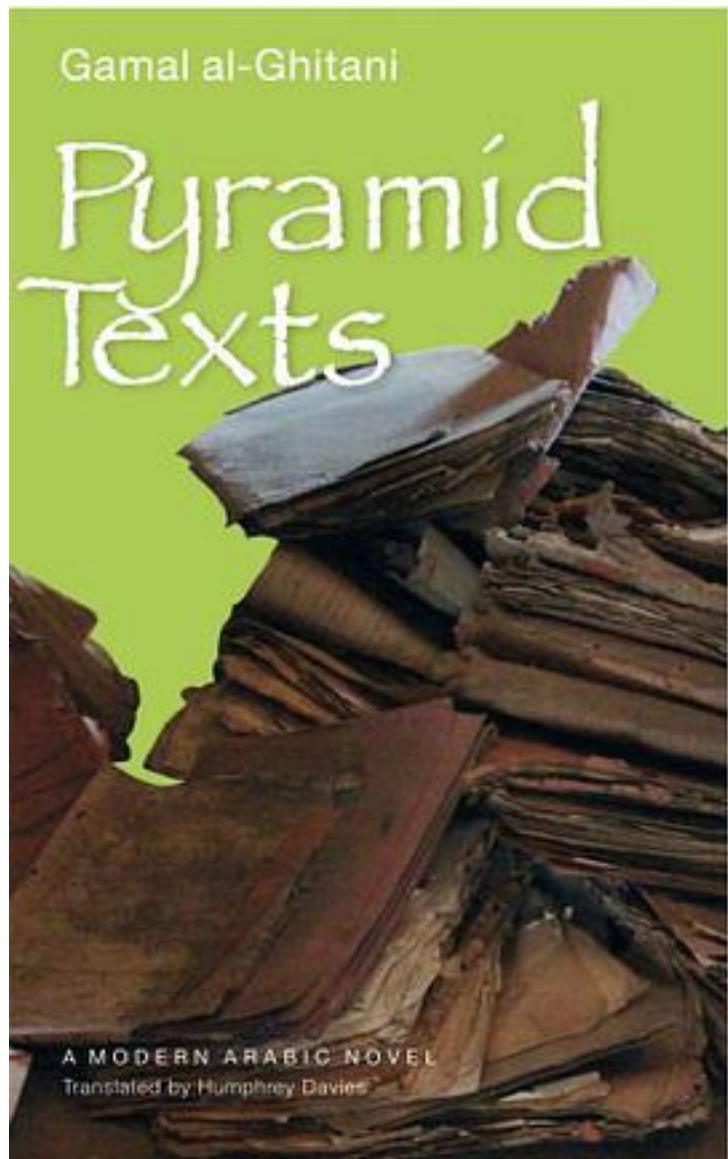


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With its Sufistic parables of the human condition, rendered in a style redolent of both the austere meditations of Borges and the dark engorged ruminations of Arthur C. Clarke, *Pyramid Texts* engages the mind and beguiles the imagination. In a series of chapters each shorter than the last-so that, like their subjects, they taper ultimately into nothingness-the author evokes the obsessions that have drawn men over the centuries to the brooding presence of mankind's most ancient and mysterious monuments. Among others in a procession of exotic characters, a Moroccan seeker after knowledge spends years contemplating the pyramids in the hope that one day he will understand the mysterious writing that fitfully appears on their sides. Another waits patiently for the moment when the shadow of one will diverge from its accustomed path and bestow immortality. A man celebrated for his record ascents and descents makes one final, dazzling, climb, and the Sphinx performs a celestial dance. *Pyramid Texts* leads us into a world of endless passages and mysterious sighing winds, a world whose claustrophobic and shadowy spaces may be illuminated by flashes of ecstasy leading to scintillating transfigurations and dizzying annihilations.

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