

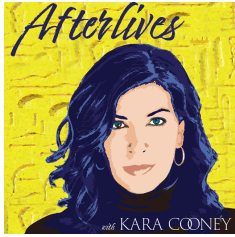
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Episode #18: Sex, Gender, and Death in Ancient Egypt

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For ancient Egyptians, sex had both creative and destructive power. In this episode Kara and Jordan explore what we know about sex, gender, and death in ancient Egypt. They discuss the difference between sex and gender, the social power of sex, the role of sex in ancient Egypt's foundational myths, and sexuality in creation myths and funerary texts.

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