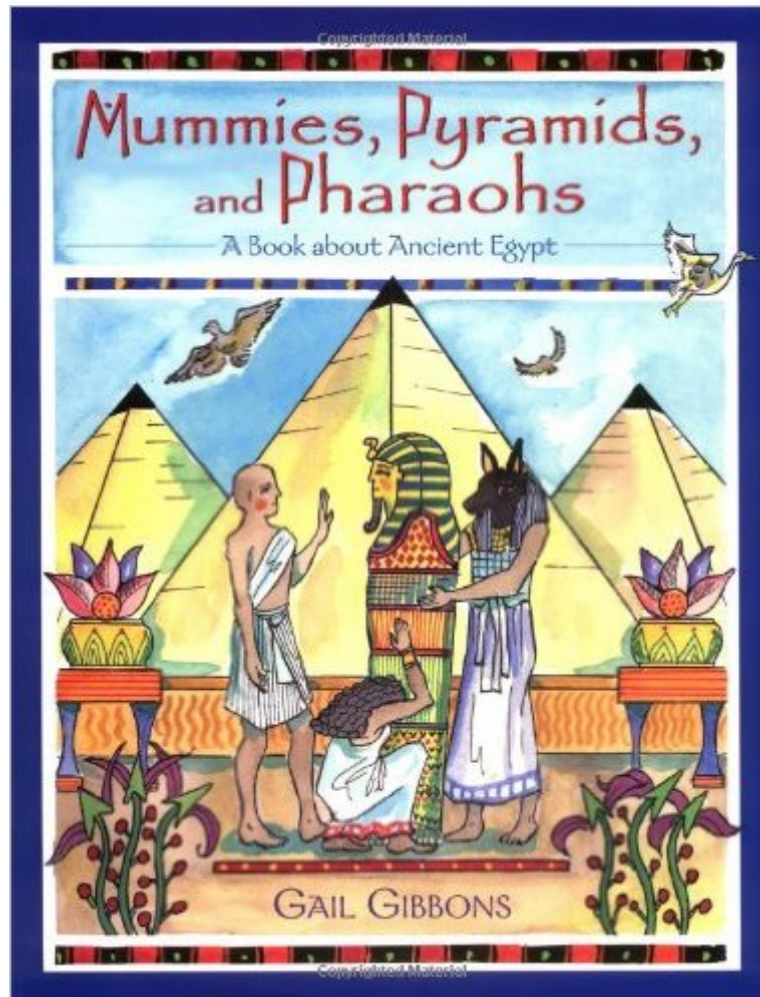


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Mummies, Pyramids, And Pharaohs: A Book About Ancient Egypt



Synopsis

Provides an overview of life in ancient Egypt, describing the people, daily activities, beliefs and customs, and what has been learned from artifacts left behind.

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Customer Reviews

Gail Gibbons' Mummies, Pyramids, And Pharaohs is a children's picturebook that explores daily life and belief in the afterlife among the people of ancient Egypt. Aptly researched and presented in plain terms along with color illustrations stylistically reminiscent of ancient egyptian art, Mummies, Pyramids, And Pharaohs is as educational as it is enthralling. A highly recommended nonfiction book to whet young minds' curiosity about world history, Mummies, Pyramids, And Pharaohs would make a popular addition to any school or community library system collection.

I teach third grade, and for the past 5 years I have integrated an Egypt study using, among others, this book. "Mummies, Pyramids, & Pharaohs" isn't one the kids would choose for a light, fun read, but it is full of information and is presented in kid-friendly language. I use it in a center and have the students read the book to fact-find.

"Mummies, Pyramids, and Pharaohs" is what writer-artist Gail Gibbons uses to get young readers to take a look at this book about Ancient Egypt, but she gets beyond the main attractions to provide a

nice little introduction to this ancient civilization. The idea is for young readers to travel back in time to when one of the world's first civilizations began five thousand years ago along the banks of the Nile River. For three thousands of those years the pharaohs ruled over Egypt, and each was believed to be Horus, the son of Ra, the great sun god. Gibbons looks at the "Black Land" of fertile soil around the Nile, the life of the Pharaohs, the organization of ancient Egyptian society, and families lived back then. Appearance mattered to people, farmers depended on water from the Nile, and craftspeople had plenty of gold and copper to work with to make beautiful objects. Sections are devoted to picture writing, medicinal healing (and magic), feasts and celebrations. Gibbons looks at the primary beliefs of Egyptian religion and the basic process of mummification (without going into detail on how the body's organs were removed, which is the icky part). This gets us to the pyramids, which remain the most obvious symbol of ancient Egypt we can see today, and young readers come full circle to the museums around the world where mummies and other artifacts are on exhibit. The final page of the book looks at some Ancient Egypt Discoveries and covers a bunch of interesting facts, such as more than 80 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt and the priest in charge of making a mummy wore the mask of a jackal symbolizing Anubis the god of the dead. The illustrations for this book are done in watercolors and are certainly kid friendly, which should make them easy for young readers to imitate. The result is a nice introductory overview of life in ancient Egypt that tells young readers about the people, daily activities, beliefs and customs that we have learned about from the artifacts they left behind.

If you are looking for a book to help teach your children about Ancient Egypt then I would recommend this one to be included in the reading list. The illustrations are simple but get across the information being discussed. The reader is introduced to a Pharaoh, the Nile River and then to the life of different people: priests, farmers, laborers etc. See one of their houses and understand why they dressed the way they did, how they really cared about their appearance. How did the farmers do their job? What about the craftspeople? Learn a few basic hieroglyphs along with the details on the Rosetta stone, temples, feasts, Osiris. How was a body prepared for burial? What did the inside of a pyramid look like? At the end of the book there is a page titled "Ancient Egypt Discoveries" which presents a few more interesting facts.

This book was great for my kids 8 and 6 . They enjoyed it very much and like to read it often. It was especially helpful before seeing the King Tut exhibit.

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