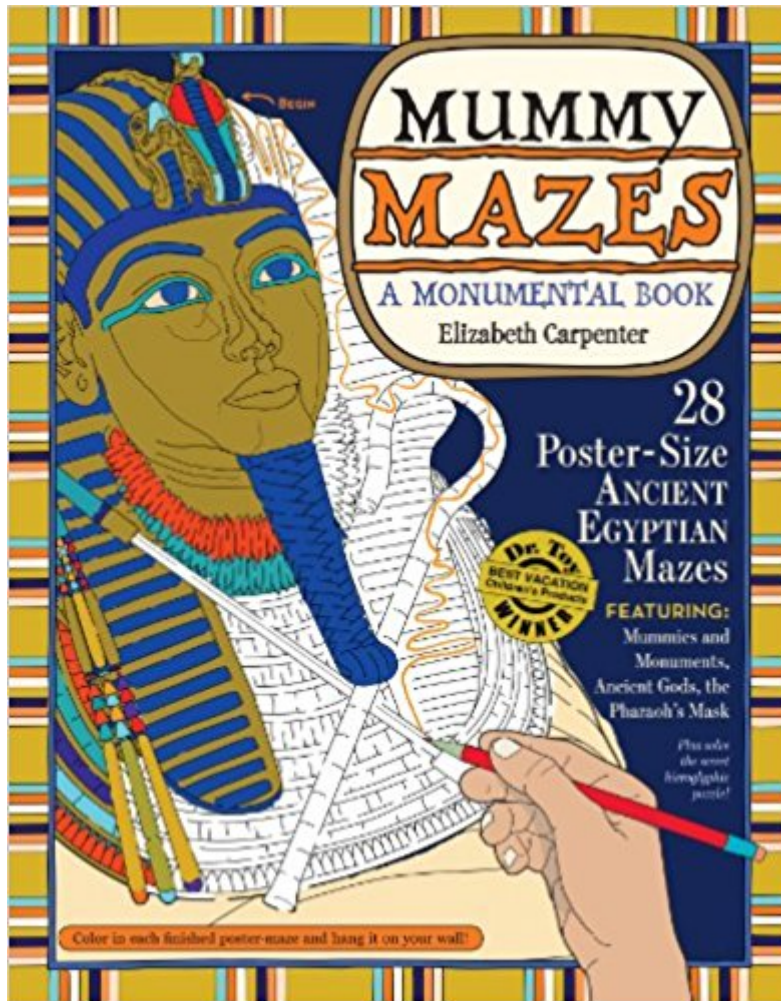




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# Mummy Mazes: A Monumental Book



## Synopsis

The first new idea in maze books since Egyptian times. Originally self-published, Mummy Mazes has won awards and seals of approval from Dr. Toy, The National Parenting Center, Independent Publishers, and Creative Child Magazine. Written and drawn by Elizabeth Carpenter, Mummy Mazes is ingeniously designed to open up to 28 poster-size pages—these are deliciously big mazes, the kind kids will pore over for hours. There are mummies, monuments, and intricate murals, ancient gods and the Pharaoh's mask, scarabs, an Egyptian night sky, and the Giant Sphinx who guards the pyramid complex at Giza. The meticulously drawn mazes lead kids through hieroglyphics, cracks in the limestone, detailed wall paintings, and more. Adding to the fun, each maze is linked by an adventure—the reader joins Professor Archie Ologist on an expedition from the Colossi of Memnon into the heart of long-lost tombs, learning along the way about the cat-goddess Bastet, why both men and women wore wigs, and how much linen it sometimes took to wrap an important mummy (three miles' worth!). Once all the mazes are completed, there's a hieroglyphic puzzle to solve at the end—and then the whole doubles as a coloring book. The pages are perforated to tear, color, and then display on the wall.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Elizabeth Carpenter, author of DinoMaze, is an illustrator, a game designer, and an entrepreneur

and founder of Mazeology. She lives in New York City.

My sons (6 and 8) loved "Mummy Mazes: A Monumental Book" so much that I also ordered her older "Mummy Maze" book. It was done a few years earlier and while the cover was similar the title was different, so I took a chance that it would be somewhat different. It wasn't. The mazes are in a different order, and the book has a different ISBN etc. But the mazes and puzzle are the same. So if you already have that one, this one won't be different. That does not take away from her great drawings and the fun of this book. Now my boys just have 2 copies! The mazes are slightly difficult, but not horrible. Once my older son realized he had to pay more attention than usual, he moved right through them. After doing the mazes my boys have been working on coloring them and turning them into posters as suggested, so the book has quite a bit of fun value.

I love the idea of this book and I so wanted to love it! But we found the mazes gratuitously difficult. The ratio difficulty/reward was also too skewed. Who cares to spend 45 minutes finding the exit to a maze just in order to decode some boring phrase?

I love this company and the product was sent to me in awesome condition. The only book better than this one is the DINO version, just an outstanding find.

Reviewed by: Nancy Messmore  
Synopsis: Professor Archie Ologist needs help! He has collected 28 oversized mazes that need to be solved. Once each maze is worked out, an ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic is uncovered; collect them all and solve the whole puzzle! Before solving the maze on each 12" x 17-1/2" page, the professor has important background facts to read. Each page can be colored and torn out to hang as posters. Solving all of the puzzles is only half the fun. When the final message from the mummy is decoded, readers will have learned about ancient Egypt. Overall thoughts: Combining a history lesson with enormous mazes is a fun way to support what children are learning in school. In fact, this book supplements lessons on ancient Egypt by reinforcing information in an entertaining format. Once complete, each page can be removed from the book and hung on the wall as reference. Teachers and homeschoolers will appreciate this aspect of the book. Parents will also want to have a copy at home to reinforce lessons from school in an entertaining format. This is not just a coloring book or a simple book of puzzles. The mazes are challenging and children will need to use their best problem-solving skills to work through the book. But do not fear--if a puzzle is too hard, answers are tucked in the back of the book! Additionally, following the

story of Professor Archie Ologist will engage readers; the tale is as entertaining as it is educational. For entertainment with an educational twist, this book is the complete package that will engage readers and problem-solvers for a long time!

Mummy Mazes is a book filled with 28 Ancient Egyptian themed mazes including mummies and monuments, ancient gods, and the pharaoh's mask. That description alone made us interested in this book, but when we realized how HUGE these mazes were, we got very excited. Each page measures roughly 18 X 12 inches. Like I said, it's quite large when folded open. Each poster-sized page features a maze, but these aren't your typical mazes. You have actually figure out the correct beginning and ending point. That's right, there are multiple beginning and ending points. At the end of the correct path, you will find a hieroglyph which will help you solve the mummy's message at the end of the book. In addition to being a fun book of mazes, these mazes are also coloring pages. Once you complete the mazes, you can color the pages to make great posters for the classroom. The pages are perforated for easy removal from the book. If you're looking for a unique gift for a child (or adult) who enjoys Egypt and mazes, then this is the book for you. This would also be a great resource for an Egypt unit study. Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book to help facilitate the writing of a frank and honest review. All opinions are my own.

"Cool!" is the exclamation uttered most often by pre-teens when they see this book. When opened, it unfolds to reveal poster-sized drawings of ancient Egyptian artifacts inlaid with mazes. Readers take an imaginary expedition through temples and tombs, learning history and archaeology along the way. "Do these mazes look simple to you, young friend? Think again. You'll need a strong stomach to work your way through the surprises embedded in this page!" Professor Archie Ologist is the engaging narrator who leads readers through Elizabeth Carpenter's incredibly detailed drawings. Along the way, fascinating facts and stories from Egyptian mythology are revealed. The journey ends at the heart of a tomb where readers must decipher a secret message written in hieroglyphics. State SOLs require that students learn some Egyptian history. This book can reinforce what children have learned in school and build on to their prior learning. Carpenter's intriguing history lessons are presented in small bites, making this an especially good choice for reluctant readers.

I'm addicted to puzzles and I love the mazes in this book! I've always been fascinated with mummies and Egypt. That was always my favorite thing to study in school. Mummy Mazes will keep

you and your kid happily busy for a while. Five stars!

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