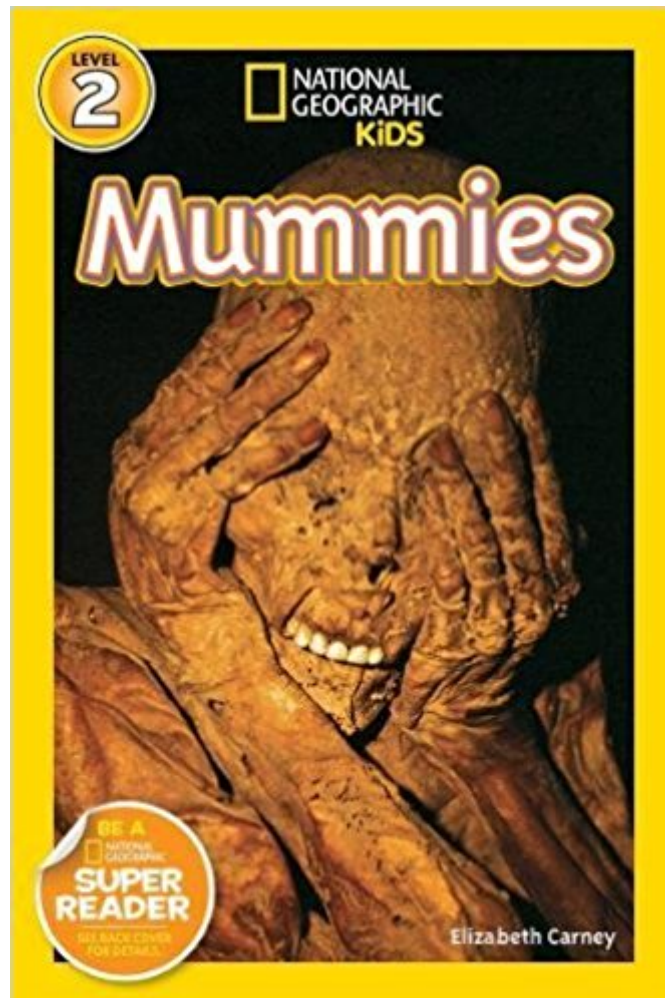




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National Geographic Kids Readers: Mummies



Synopsis

Why were mummies mummified? These mysterious corpses provide a fascinating window on the past of cultures worldwide. Mummies has plenty of ghoulish intrigue to keep young readers reading. This irresistible title provides the solid science behind the myths and guarantees a successful and rewarding reading experience for kids at level 2. Mummies is a compelling combination of fun, facts, jokes and captivating photography. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

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Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Sensitive youngsters beware: with its numerous photos of shriveled and discolored corpses, this slim entry in the National Geographic Readers series is nightmare candy. But for kids with a taste for the macabre, it's a visceral introduction to a topic they'll keep seeing throughout their education. Carney divides her subject into two categories: natural mummies and man-made mummies. The first category is illustrated with mummies found chiefly in bogs, and their shiny black faces (one with a noose still around his neck!) are hauntingly preserved. The simple text provides plenty of shockers: "The bits of his last meal, vegetable soup eaten 2,300 years ago, are still in his stomach." • Egyptian mummies dominate the latter half of the book, which includes a

cartoon-style "How to Make a Mummy" section. Scattered throughout are boxes that define unfamiliar words. A few jokes running along the top of the book ("Why did the mummy call a doctor? Because he was coffin") try their best but can't really lighten the mood of this dark but intelligent offering. Grades K-2. --Daniel Kraus

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I thought my almost 5 year old - who is obsessed with mummies right now since seeing one in our local museum - would be terrified of this cover alone, but she loves this book and says "it's cool, not scary"! This is a really neat book, more like a magazine-style, intended for young kids. Nothing really graphic, although they are very clear in the text that "they remove the brain with a hook through the nose", and they do show real mummies close up (like the cover) ... so not for the faint of heart kids. But my preschooler is almost 5 and scared of a lot however not this book. So I am giving it 5 stars for being truly age appropriate. The text is informative and large print for those a little older learning to read. Very happy with this purchase and so is my child!

I bought this book to learn about mummies with my first graders. That is NOT an easy subject to teach with such little children, as you're talking about dead people. It all started when they asked, "Are mummies real?" I replied with the truth, "Well, yes, but they're not monsters that chase you around going, 'Whooooooo!'" And thus began my search for an age-appropriate, non-fiction book about mummies. Let me assure you, that doesn't exist. However, that being said, with lots of stopping for commentary and answering questions, this was really good. Some were scared, some were grossed out, almost all were fascinated. And you're dealing with ancient religious beliefs, so at one point, I had to tell them, "That is a good question. People believe different things. You should ask your parents what they believe." One little girl told me after I finished reading, "This is kind of

disgusting, but it's also kind of interesting." I could've hugged her on the spot. It's probably very different if you're reading it one-on-one with your child, but when you're tackling a room full of little, eager minds, this is a pretty good place to start. I recommend it, but be prepared to stop along the way to explain things, ask questions, and answer questions. I also recommend having additional non-fiction books for them to browse, but this was the best I found to actually read to them.

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This is such an interesting book! My children are fascinated by this book, as am I!

Well liked.

I think this book is very interesting it helped me learn about mummies and embalmers. But I didn't like it because I thought the book was way to short.

We can't say enough good things about the entire National Geographic Kids books, my 4 year old son loves these. We wanted to get him interested in science early and he always goes back to these books. So far, I think we purchased 6 of the series and he loves them all.

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