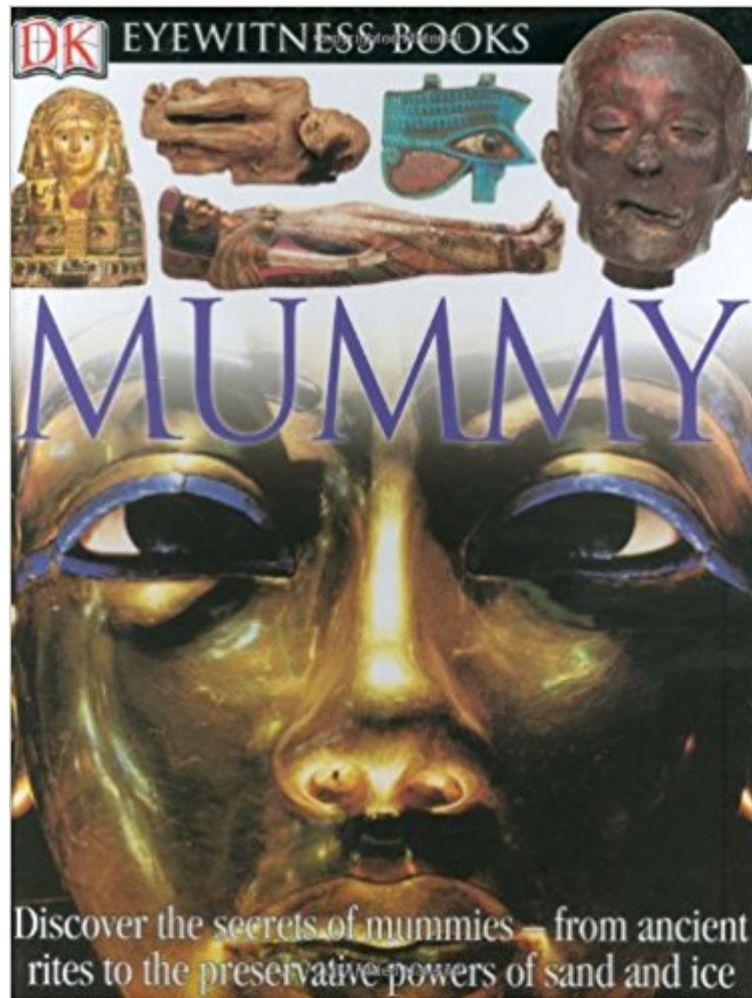




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# Mummy (DK Eyewitness Books)



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I purchased this book because my 6 year old son was fascinated with Egypt. However, I would not recommend this book for a child of this age. The mummies are real in this book and there are a lot of them. It was even hard for me to stomach. As always, DK has illustrated a beautiful and detailed

book-it was just the subject that was a little hard.

Reason for Reading: Ds has been studying Egypt for his homeschool history topic. Really what can be said about an Eyewitness Book; I feel redundant just trying to review it. If you are a parent then you already know about these awesome visual books profusely illustrated with museum and archival photographs along with an informative yet short text per two-page spread that is carried along with image subtexts. This book in particular is an older edition and has been reprinted. I have not seen the new edition but it has about 10 more pages and does include a clip-art CD (something we would not make much use of). I do know these books now include Internet links but other than that I can not tell you the difference between the editions. I'll pass on describing an Eyewitness Book as everyone already knows they are excellent, some a bit more than others. This being in the top-end with a perfect five star rating for me. The visuals are extremely fascinating, though parents should be forewarned that many are graphic in nature since there are images of mummified humans in various degrees of preservation, including children and babies. My son was squeamish at first but got used to the mummies after a bit and became quite fascinated with them. There were a couple we had to cover up because they were just too freaky for him. The progression of this book is nicely laid out. First it starts with natural mummies, those made by design, then those made by accident. Then it moves on for the majority of the book onto Ancient Egypt and the various topics of mummies are covered extensively. Finally, the book ends with South American mummies, the Iceman, bog mummies, the mummies in the catacomb of Sicily and a final oddity of "other" mummies. Highly engaging book. Suitable also for teens and adult. Would make the perfect coffee table book. But be warned, this particular book is not for the squeamish.

DK and Google have created a website and a book to encourage further study. This guide features age-appropriate links so children can learn more about this topic through interactive features, multimedia content, games and quizzes. They can also download images for projects. Some of the topics in this book include: Ancient Egypt Masks and Coffins Into the Underworld Tomb Robbers Famous Pharaohs Peruvian Mummies Inca Ice Mummies An Arctic Mystery Frozen Tombs Desert Discoveries Modern-Day Mummies Mummies on Display If you have any interest in Egypt, this book is especially helpful and gives you additional links so you can go online to do further research. I think adults and children alike will enjoy seeing the artifacts and items like a painted treasure chest. One of the strange stories in this book is about a perfectly preserved body that has now been nicknamed "Sleeping Beauty." Apparently the chemicals used to preserve her

body have not been identified and she looks like she is sleeping. Due to the content of this book, I will let you decide if this is appropriate for your child. This might be too frightening for children under the age of 9 or 10 but may be of interest to teenagers and adults. Death is not the only focus of this book. The information about Pyramids being built to align with star constellations, archaeological discoveries and arctic expeditions fill out the book nicely and give students an idea of how people lived. I found the items buried with the mummies to be even more interesting than the mummies themselves although the blue body from the bog was a little startling. ~The Rebecca Review

This is an improved version of the wonderful Dorling-Kindersley Eyewitness Book series. While those books had clipped images on white backgrounds, DK has taken digital graphics technology a step further, now also using soft-fade edges and photos on solid black backgrounds. The type seems somewhat smaller, with more description to accompany and explain the included images. The book is an informative work of art, well-suited to stimulating interest in the subject matter in both children and adults.

Our family is a big fan of these Eyewitness books and this is an excellent overview of all types of mummies. As a warning however, there are quite a few gruesome photographs which might scare kids younger than 6 or 7 so a parent might want to check it out in a bookstore before buying sight unseen.

The Mummy Eyewitness book was the first one I ever received. It is excellent at conveying information because it has many interesting bits of information next to beautiful pictures.

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