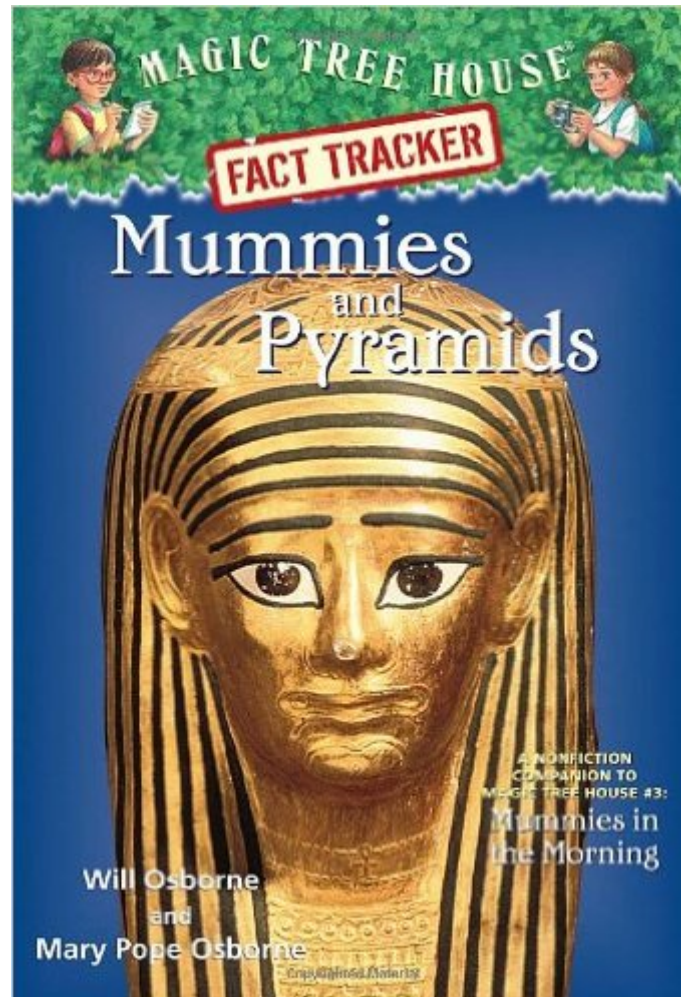


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# Mummies And Pyramids: A Nonfiction Companion To Magic Tree House #3: Mummies In The Morning



## Synopsis

Track the facts with Jack and Annie! When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure in *Magic Tree House #3: Mummies in the Morning*, they had lots of questions. Why did people make mummies? What was the mysterious writing on mummy cases? How did most ancient Egyptians spend their days? How were the pyramids built? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts. Filled with up-to-date information, photos, illustrations, and fun tidbits from Jack and Annie, the Magic Tree House Fact Trackers are the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discovered in their favorite Magic Tree House adventures. And teachers can use Fact Trackers alongside their Magic Tree House fiction companions to meet common core text pairing needs. Have more fun with Jack and Annie on the Magic Tree House® website at [MagicTreeHouse.com](http://MagicTreeHouse.com)!

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

We've loved every other one of the Magic Tree House series, but this one (although interesting to me, the parent) was a bit too scary for my six year old son. We only read half way through it and that was it for him (the mummies were too much for him -- yet he didn't mind the ghost in the Wild West book). So parents, be prepared for this one if your child is young or a bit sensitive.

I really want to like this series. My 6 year old daughter loves the stories, and they offer wonderful opportunities to explore various periods in history. Jack and Annie have adventures, solve problems, meet historical figures, and use their imaginations. What's not to like? Well, it seems nitpicky, but I have a huge problem with the editing of the early books in this series. (The later ones are better, but we just re-read *Mummies in the Morning* and it's all coming back to me!) The fragmented sentences are out of control. There are so many that I stopped counting! I'm sure that it won't matter to young readers, but I can't understand why we can't expose them to grammatically correct English while they're learning to read. I also agree with other reviews that fault the thin character development and level of factual content. I know that these books are for beginning readers, but I think there are missed opportunities to add real knowledge. Again, I think the later books in the series are much better, and the research guides are a great companion to the stories. Overall, I would say that reading the Magic Tree House series has been a worthwhile investment of our time. It just bothers me from time to time when I think about how much better it could have been done.

As a homeschooling family, we try to find a variety of materials that catch the kids' interest. This book has done that with two kids, three more will follow. Even if you don't follow the series, this is a great stand-alone read. I read aloud, we do a craft or coloring page and we learn. It's awesome.

This book is great for all ages. This 119 page book is filled with lots of information from everyday life to Egyptian religion. This book talks about the pyramids, funerals, and the most famous mummy of all King Tutankhamun better known as King Tut. If you have children you should buy this book.

This book provides a lot of information about ancient Egypt. For example, I learned how ancient Egyptians lived and what they did in their everyday life. The book has a solid chapter about ancient Egyptian art. I was surprised at how many different types of art there were. Ancient Egyptians painted, weaved and made pots, statues and jars out of clay. They also made jewelry and large pots out of gold. I also learned about their burial chambers in the pyramids. They put paintings and all of their belongings in the tombs for use in their after lives. The pyramids are made of big stone blocks. Workers would move the heavy stone blocks into the shape of a pyramid. The book describes how the ancient Egyptians also built large ships and small canoes to go down the Nile River. This book is an interesting introduction to ancient Egypt. I would recommend this book to

anyone who wants to learn about ancient Egypt and the pyramids.

Jack and Annie made a guide about their research on mummies and pyramids. I learned girls & boys in ancient Egypt wore their hair in a ponytail called sidelocks. When people were making a mummy, they didn't know what a mummy's brain was for....so they took it out and got rid of it! Gross! I can wait to get MAGIC TREE HOUSE research guide #4 PIRATES.

My 7-year-old granddaughter reads at about a 3rd grade level. She loves this series. She always looks forward to reading more about Jack & Annie's adventures. I'll definitely encourage her to stick with this series, though there were a couple of parts in this particular book that were frightening for her (specifically: the ghost, the very descriptive look of the rotting mummy, and the kids being trapped in the dark). Skip this one if your young one is frightened by such things. At the very least, read it first to determine whether it's appropriate for your child. A few of the words were difficult for her to puzzle out on her own, too (sarcophagus, scepter, for example), but she is only 7 after all.

Mary Pope Osborne is one of our favorite authors! This is an awesome adventure where Annie & Jack travel back in time to ancient Egypt to help a mummy find her way to the afterlife. I highly suggest the educational companion book to this one if you are reading it alone other than for an educational unit. I love how this book gave my children a look into pyramids, hieroglyphics, the burial process in ancient Egypt. I would have liked to use the companion book with this, however, we didn't as we were doing an ancient Egypt unit already. We read this book for fun and that is what these books are all about: fun plus learning. I loved the black cat in this adventure that led Jack and Annie all around the inside of the pyramid! Great book for ages 7 and up!

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