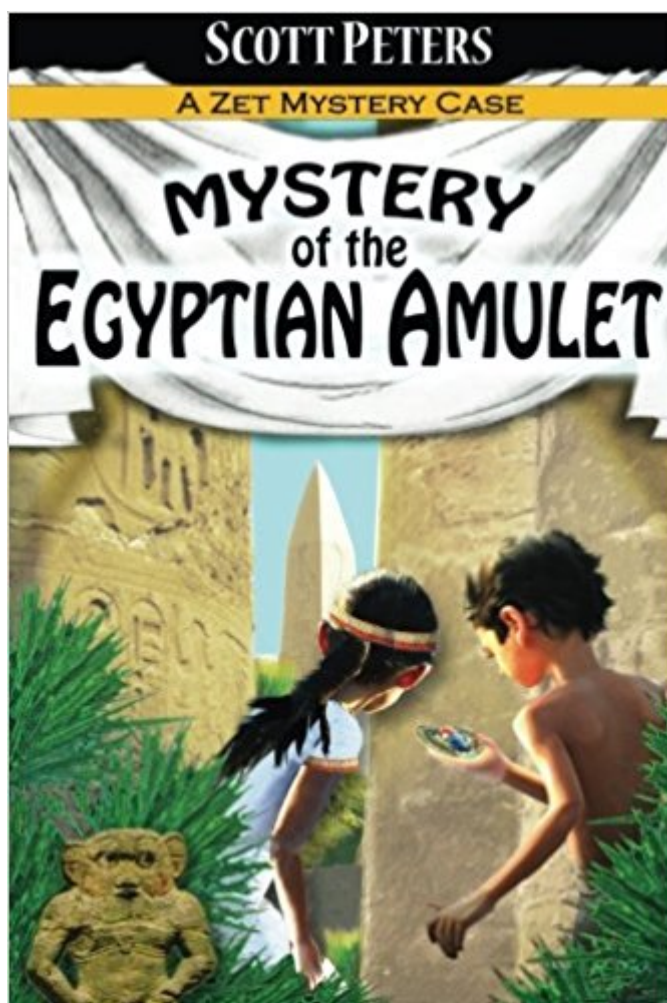


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Mystery Of The Egyptian Amulet: Adventure Books For Kids Age 9-12 (Zet Mystery Case) (Volume 2)



Synopsis

"a very happy and rewarding find" ~ PopBop, TOP 500 Reviewer "will have readers turning pages" ~ Mallory Anne-Marie Haws, TOP 1000 Reviewer 12-year-old Zet tries to visit his best friend, Hui, who's a student apprentice at a famous jewelry workshop. To Zet's surprise, the scary guard at the gates won't let him in! Is Hui in danger? Meanwhile, amulets have been disappearing all over town. When Zet receives a valuable amulet as a gift, he knows it's a secret message from Hui--but what does it mean? Zet will stop at nothing to make sure his best friend is safe. The trail of clues leads Zet down forbidden streets whispering with the voices of ancient gods, through a mysterious city of gold and majesty the world has never forgotten. "Hardy Boys meets Ancient Egypt" For fans of Rick Riordan's Red Pyramid and the Kane Chronicles, as well as readers of the 39 Clues and Theodore Boone. ~ Popular in numerous book clubs, classrooms, and homeschooling. Bring home adventure! Join the hunt for the missing Egyptian amulet, because every kid loves an ancient mystery. Scroll up to grab your copy now.

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Customer Reviews

"a very happy and rewarding find" ~ PopBop, TOP 500 Reviewer "5 Stars, a story that will have readers turning pages" ~ Mallory Anne-Marie Haws, TOP 1000 Reviewer "Peters is such a natural and gifted storyteller" ~ Historical Novel Society "An amazing page turner!!!" ~ Alyssa

Q: Why do you think people love ancient Egypt?A: Most readers will agree--something magical happens the first time you hear about ancient Egypt. Maybe you see a mummy movie or visit a museum. Or, like me, a teacher hands you a mysterious worksheet at school. At that moment of discovery, a jolt grips you with intense curiosity. Q: Fascination draws you in?A: Exactly. Who were these people? What did their strange symbols mean? How did they create such intense history and what were their daily lives like? You wonder what it would be like to walk the streets of ancient Egypt and see what they saw. Q: What defining moment made you write about ancient Egypt?A: On a school field trip to a museum, I saw a mummy in a glass case. The mummy's fingers were poking through the wrappings. When I got over how wonderfully creepy it looked, something happened. It dawned on me that those fingers, that hand, once did normal human things; tucked a child in at night, held another person's hand, brushed hair out of eyes on windy days. All thousands of years ago. Somehow, the emotion of the person was still there in that mummy. He wasn't just an artifact. He was a person with stories to tell. I decided then and there I wanted to give life to the ancient past in a way that was fun and approachable. Q: What message do you have for your readers?A: I know many of you are Egypt obsessed like me. Thanks for letting me share my love of ancient Egypt with you. Q: Other Books by Scott Peters Q: Zet mystery books: Q: Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll Q: Mystery of the Egyptian Amulet Q: Mystery of the Egyptian Temple Q: Also By Scott Peters: Q: Secret of the Egyptian Curse Q: NEW! Q: Scott Peters's Secret Book Of Mummies: 101 Ancient Egypt Mummy Facts & Trivia

This book, which is the second of the Zet stories, offers main characters who are developed far beyond the usual for a middle grade mystery, as well as an intriguing and fast paced mystery/adventure. But where the book truly excels is in its ancient Egyptian setting. The story is set in the time and place of fabulous and romantic New Kingdom Egypt. Scott Peters has written other works for kids that explore ancient Egypt, (and mummies!), and he has seamlessly drawn all of that scholarship into the sights, sounds, colors, and feel of his Zet mysteries. The history and the descriptions of everyday life and conditions are introduced subtly and naturally in the context of the telling of the adventure story. We learn about what people ate and wore and worked at even as we

investigate a sort of Hardy Boys style mystery. For starters, we get two kids, Zet and Kat, (a brother and sister team), who are relatable and appealing and yet clearly of their time and circumstance. Then we add friends and family and neighbors. Merimose the local medjay, (policeman), is a regular character, as are a few of Zet and Kat's fellow stall keepers in the local market. This is all presented in broad brushstrokes which keeps it interesting and entertaining even while it is informative in a general and impressionistic way. The fact that there is a mystery, thefts, talk of demons, and loads of chases and a big action finish, just keeps the excitement and interest level high all of the way through to the satisfying conclusion. Because the overall writing style is direct and basic it seems that it best lends itself to being read by kids moving beyond chapter books but not quite ready for more demanding fare. So, a very happy and rewarding find with a lot of middle grade reader appeal. A very nice book to recommend. Please note that I found this book while browsing Kindle freebies. I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

This review is actually by my 9 year-old daughter...I loved "Zet and the Egyptian Amulet Mystery." It was an enjoyable and fast paced book. In "Zet and the Egyptian Amulet Mystery", a boy (Zet)'s friend goes to work making jewelry; meanwhile Zet and his sister Kat are missing a shipment of pottery for their stand. There are rumors going around that a demon army will be invading during the upcoming Opet Festival. Will the demons really come? And will Zet and Kat get their order before their stand is shut down? Find out by reading "Zet and the Egyptian Amulet Mystery!"

I am reading this story to my sixth graders. They are quite pleased. They like the characters and it gives the study of the ancient world a bit of glamor and interest that it might otherwise not have. Of course the book is easy enough for them to read it to themselves but this book has created interest in historical fiction which did not exist before. Several students want to borrow the book.

I wish this book had been around when I was a youth reader. I enjoyed it as an adult and I am sure youth will too. Plenty of adventure and working out the clues to come to a conclusion. Order one for a young person in your life and one for yourself too!

My 7-year old and I have been reading this one chapter at a time. We aren't done yet, as he is reading it to me and I assist with any words he has problems with, but he enjoys it very much so far and will ask if we can read the mystery book. :-)

Ancient Egypt, secrets, mysteries, demon ghosts, golden scarabs and Secret Agent Zet -- a great combination. This new book by Scott Peters is a fun read. Scott really knows his subject and its great to follow Zet and Kat through the dark temples, narrow alleys, and bustling marketplaces of ancient Egypt as they try to solve a mystery before danger strikes again.

I choose this rating because it was definatly one of my better reads. I just loved how this story kept my guessing just about the entire time!! I would have to reccomend this book, as well as the entire Secret Agent Zet series, to any one who is interested in mystery stories.

A bit hit in our library, can't keep it on the shelf.

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