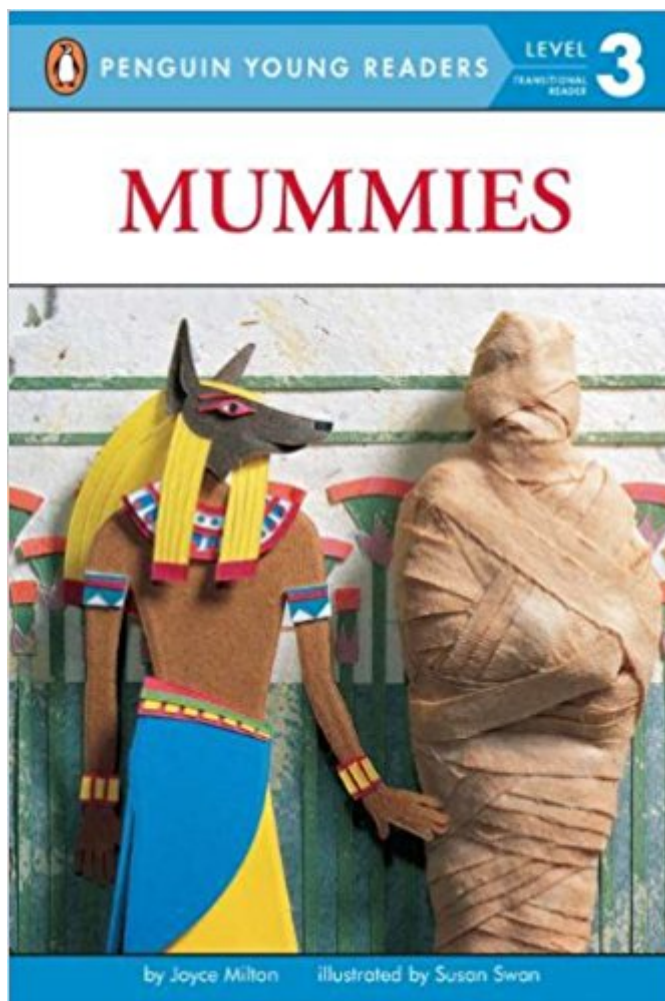


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# Mummies (Penguin Young Readers, Level 3)



## Synopsis

Did you know that some mummies have glass eyes, and some have wings? And that there are cat mummies and bird mummies? And that some people ate powdered mummy? This book has a lot of amazing mummy facts!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3?Milton introduces emerging readers to the pyramids, the life-after-death beliefs of ancient Egyptians, the process of mummification, and the burial procedure for pharaohs. The straightforward text is enhanced by an attractive layout and eye-catching, cut-paper illustrations. Realistic shadows give added depth to the scenes. Unfortunately, the author does not explain when pharaohs began and stopped building pyramids and when modern adventurers and archaeologists began exploring and studying these historical artifacts. Despite this criticism, this book will be a springboard for many students who will want more information about this topic. Be sure to have copies of these books on hand: David Macaulay's *Pyramid* (Houghton, 1975), Alike's *Mummies Made in Egypt* (HarperCollins, 1979), Margaret Berrill's *Mummies, Masks, and Mourners* (Dutton, 1990), and Nicholas Reeves's *Into the Mummy's Tomb* (Scholastic, 1992). *Mummies* is sure to be

popular with budding Egyptologists and beginning readers who want "real stories."?Gale W. Sherman, Pocatello Public Library, IDCopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 2<sup>^</sup>-3. Along with offering new readers a lot of information, this is one of the most attractive easy-to-reads around. Milton explains in clear, crisp language the theory and process of mummification. Swan's intricate cut-paper collages portray modern-day and ancient Egypt; intricately cut pieces of paper are turned into masks and mummies and ornate decorations. The occasional photograph adds interest but jars a little. Considering at how early an age children are fascinated by ancient Egypt, this will make a welcome introduction that they can read themselves.  
Ilene Cooper

Read book for epals so same was recommended by children in class. In fact my epal advised that the class actually did a mock up mummy so it at least impressed them enough to keep their interest. Well written and informative.

Mummies by Joyce Milton gives children in the first three grades a lot of information in 48 short pages. The author has carefully crafted the book to suit the targeted age level. She put a lot of good solid text in her book, not simply a few words to describe the art work. She does not talk down to her readers but brings her readers up. The long bits of text will be a challenge to the first graders but the third graders will do fine. I like it that the younger readers have something more meaty to chew on. She also does not either dismiss or trivialize the culture that created the mummies but rather she seeks to bring some bit of understanding of that culture to the readers. Milton also inserts directions for how to say some unfamiliar, foreign words. That is a real service for the children. I also like the style of the art by illustrator Susan Swan. She makes the drawings seem like they are made from paper cut outs. The main focus of each picture really pops out at the reader.

About 2 years ago, my 2nd graders became fascinated with mummies. This led me to create an impromptu unit and gather several books on the subject. MUMMIES is a great resource in my collection as it takes the reader step by step through the mummification process. To highlight that, there are wonderful illustrations.

My 2nd graders are in love with this book. Most of the pictures are drawings...so not too scary for even younger kids. But there is one real picture of a mummy, which is, of course, my kids' favorite

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