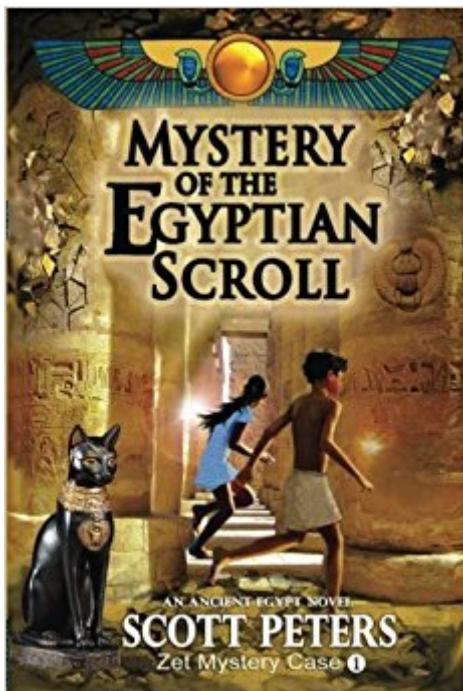


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Synopsis

"Action-packed" ~ Middle Grade Fiction Finder "A great read" ~ Spike Brown, & Escape to Molokai; "Peters is such a natural and gifted storyteller" ~ Historical Novel Society "I could not put this book down." ~ Upstate NY You, who have dug deep and sifted hard for a story to read, have unearthed an ancient treasure: a mystery from the dusty ages, when a boy could be a hero and fight for the good of all . . . Zet and Kat are in charge, now that their father is off fighting the Hyksos. Times are rough. One day, Zet spots a thief running from the medjay police. When the man gets away, the authorities offer a generous payment for his capture. Zet's determined to find the thief and to help his family by winning the much needed reward. The chase leads him and Kat into forbidden temples whispering with the voices of ancient gods, through a mysterious land of gold and majesty that the world has never forgotten. Enjoyed by fans of Rick Riordan's Red Pyramid and the Kane Chronicles. Ancient Egypt mystery awaits. ~ Popular in numerous book clubs, classrooms, and homeschooling. Our readers are going places. Scroll up and grab a copy! (Lexile: 490-570)

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Customer Reviews

This book offers better than average characters and a decent, reasonably well plotted and well paced mystery/adventure, but where it truly excels is in its ancient Egyptian setting. I suspect that

most middle graders have had enough of the Victorian era, or at least would be intrigued by something different. There are some interesting medieval-ish swordplay stories out there, and some interesting work set in a Native American context, or the Civil War or Revolutionary Eras, but after that the historical, not to mention foreign, venues get pretty thin. (To digress, I'm a little unnerved that the World War II, fifties and even sixties eras I actually know are starting to drift into what kids today would consider historical.) This book nails time and place. We have a pre-Christian time and 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 description isn't ladled on or weighed down by tedious exposition but rather is introduced subtly and naturally in the context of the telling of the adventure story. As a consequence we get two kids, a brother and sister team, who are relatable and appealing and yet clearly of their time and circumstance. This is all presented in broad brushstrokes, (I wouldn't use this book as a research authority), which keeps it interesting and entertaining even while it is informative in a general and impressionistic way. The fact that there is a mystery, a theft, a conspiracy, and loads of chases just keeps the excitement and interest level high all of the way through to the satisfying conclusion.

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