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# Lift The Lid On Mummies





### Synopsis

Embalm Your Own Mummy! Discover Ancient Burial Rituals! Includes Body Organs, Shroud, and Canopic Jars! This exploration kit combines lessons in science, archaeology, and anthropology with the experience of creating your very own mummy! The kit includes a mummy figurine, major internal organs with canopic jars for storing them, gauze for wrapping, and cardboard press-out amulets to protect the spirit as it travels to the afterlife and more!

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Open the mummy-shaped box.... Smell the must of the tomb.... Reveal the secrets within.... Included among these secrets are a 24-page booklet all about real-life mummies and the people who study them, a 10-inch plastic-model body, and four carved heads of gods to protect the Canopic jars where you'll store the plastic organs found inside the body--both lungs in a single jar, please! Find the hidden drawer containing the gauze wrappings, headdress, scarabs, and a cardboard cat you can mummify to accompany your Pharaoh in the afterlife. Wrap your mummy from head to toe, place lucky amulets in the gauze, and bury it in the back yard (soak the gauze in brine first for a more realistic mummy experience). Don't forget to seal the tomb with your "Curse of the Mummy" sticker ... and to warn your parents, so when they rent the expensive tiller to dig up the garden, they don't break the blades on your ultracool mummy. This kit introduces curious kids to the mummies of many different cultures, such as those of ancient Egypt and South America, and to all the types of mummies, including shrunken heads, bog mummies, and ice mummies. Slightly creepy good fun.

My son had to do a video on how Egyptians mummified a person after death. We set up a table with a back-drop, painted Egyptian style, even had a small wooden table for the mummie to lay on. He & a classmate presented the steps with narriation. This "kit" was perfect! It had everything they needed for the project. Their History-Teacher liked the presentation very much, & they received an "A". I would also like to Thank , because the first order would not have arrived in time for completion of the project, so I ordered one "Priority mail" & they told me to refuse the other order & simply sent back for a credit to my Card. Smoothly executed, & they graciously updated me via e-mail about the credit. I just can't say enough about "". It will always be my number ONE shopping site.

We just completed this project with my kids, 7 and 5. They seemed to enjoy it, but it seemed so fragile and the paper jars were sooo hard to glue together-- I ended up doing most of it by myself and using tons of tape. I loved that they included all the organs and the heads of the gods for the canopic jars, but beyond that it would have been easier just to use a doll and some small jars we already have. There wasn't nearly enough gauze, so it didn't look great when we were done. The cat mummy was almost impossible for little hands to glue together by themselves. You may be better off searching the Internet for a way to do this yourself!

I purchased this to help my son with a school project. It served its purpose. He was able to demonstrate almost the entire process of mummification, including the removal and storage of the organs and wrapping the mummy. We did have to alter the box it came in quite a bit to make it into a sarcophagus, but all-in-all, we are satisfied. I'd like to use it to teach my younger kids about mummification, but as of yet, we haven't gotten it back from the school!!!

I expected the item to be fun, but I didn't expect the quality to so pleasantly surprise me. Every item in the set is beautifully made and decorated, the box itself is a delight with its hidden chamber, and sarcophagus shape. The mummy is well-made, realistic, and the internal organs lots of fun to remove and place in the canopic jars that you will also partly make yourself. The set comes with pre-made forms for the canopic jars' "body" to be made by the kids, and it includes gorgeous clay tops for them with the heads of the respective gods responsible for guarding each body organ. I loved the gauze to wrap the mummy, and the curse to come with it. In summary - this product way exceeded my expectations. For \$15 it is a wonderful quality product that will delight and intrigue your little (and bigger :)) Egyptologists! Highly recommend!!! P.S. The booklet is informative and beautiful as well, it contains a lot of information about other kids of mummies as well. Great, great product!

We've used "Lift the Lid on Mummies" a few times now in our 3rd grade after-school program, as part of a unit on Ancient Egypt. The kids just love it! Each one takes part in the process (e.g., assembling canoptic jars, putting organs in jars, wrapping the mummy, tucking the amulets into the wrapping, and reading the "Curse of the Mummy"). It really brings Ancient Egypt alive! (Bad pun...sorry...) Moreover, we not only learned about Egyptian mummies from the enclosed book, but also about other forms of mummification. It's a blast! We've used this kit along with the Ancient Egypt Treasure Chest, SPEND A DAY IN ANCIENT EGYPT activity book, the PYRAMIDS Kaleidoscope Kids activity book, WRITE LIKE AN EGYPTIAN (hieroglyphics for secret messages) and the MYSTERIES OF EGYPT DVD with Omar Sharif for our unit on Ancient Egypt. Even the adult volunteers enjoyed these and learned something new. This is a great kit for home schooling as well as for after-school programs.

I ordered this for my 6 year old who is studying ancient Egypt this year. He had a great time preparing his mummy and playing with the organ and canopic jars. We end up pulling this back out a couple of times a week to play with it more. The book that comes with the kit was nice and had plenty of information. My only complaint about the kit was that the canopic jars were hard to glue. We decided to tape them together after several attempts at glue did not work. I also wish there was a better way to store the completed canopic jars inside the kit.

I purchased Lift The Lid on Mummies as a gift for a gifted eight-year-old with a passion for learning about Egypt. Not only was he in love with this hands-on history lesson, it was so much fun and so very interesting that his parents became quite involved in the process and learned a lot, as well. This is a great gift for anyone studying Egyptian history, or, indeed, for anyone who has a desire to continuously learn and stimulate his imagination. What a magnificent toy!

This looked so promising! We bought this to go with our study of Ancient Egypt. The jar tops were good but the jars themselves were just paper that you had to cut out and glue together. They were

so small and hard to put together. The mummy and the organs were neat but all of jars fell apart so the projet bombed.

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