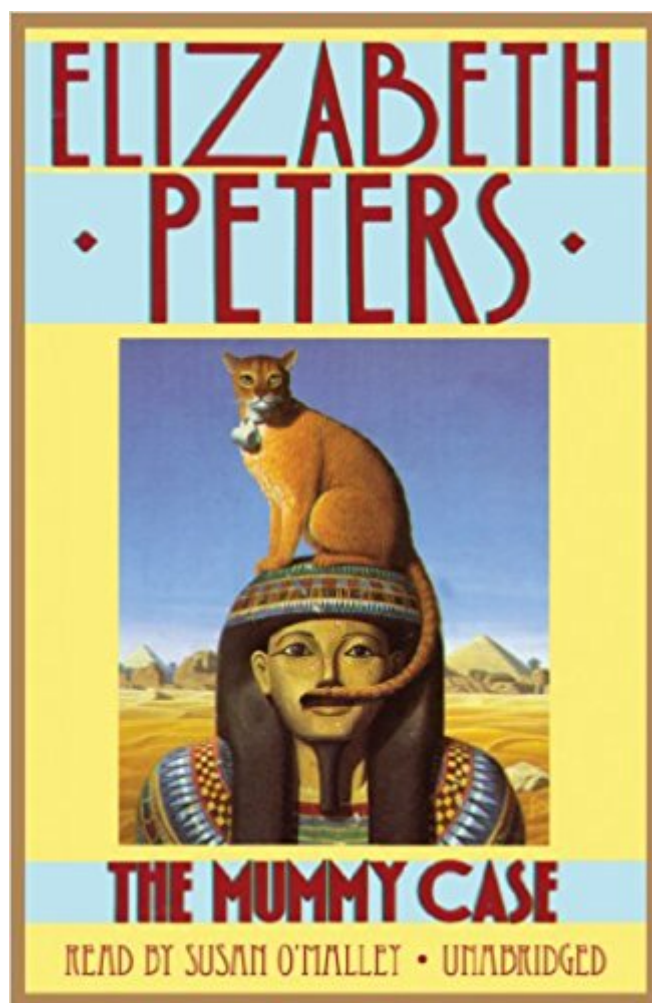


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Synopsis

The irascible husband of Victorian Egyptologist Amelia Peabody demonstrates again why he has been nicknamed 'Father of Curses.' Denied permission to dig at the pyramids of Dahshoor, Emerson is awarded instead the 'pyramids' of Mazghunah: countless mounds of rubble in the midst of nowhere. Nothing in this barren spot seems worthy of interest--until an antiquities dealer is murdered in his Cairo shop. When a sinister Egyptian spotted at the crime scene turns up in Mazghunah, Amelia can't resist following his trail. There's a mysterious scrap of papyrus and a missing mummy case to investigate, while she keeps at least one eye on their precocious son, Ramses, and his Egyptian cat. But the digging turns truly dangerous when Amelia and Emerson look for answers in an ancient tomb--one that could become their grave.

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ELIZABETH PETERS, whose New York Times best-selling novels are often set against historical backdrops, earned a Ph.D. in Egyptology at the University of Chicago. She also writes best-selling books under the pseudonym Barbara Michaels. She lives in Frederick, Maryland.

I have all the Amelia Peabody novels in hard cover. I am in the process of re-reading them and, starting with the first in the series, "Crocodile On The Sandbank", I am downloading them onto my Kindle. Re-reading the series is as enjoyable now as it was many years ago. I love these books. The characters have become friends whose adventures have taken me to exotic locales and introduced me to fascinating people. I particularly love the descriptions of excavating in Egypt back in the 19th century.

This is my first time reading a book by Elizabeth Peters, but I'd have to say I enjoyed reading this mystery filled with suspense, action, humor, and romance. Amelia Peabody Emerson, the heroine, and Her Husband, Radcliff "Emerson" Emerson, are both Archeologists in the later part of the nineteenth century and their focus is Egyptian ruins and pyramids. In "The Mummy Case" their plans were to excavate the pyramids at Dashoor, but a rival and the current director of the Department of Antiquities, M. De Morgan, has decided to do the job himself. Amelia and Emerson, are left to dig up a cemetery filled with Roman bones, (Christian martyrs) and old pottery. While in Cairo, Amelia meets with an Antiquities dealer and later he is found dead in his shop by Amelia. This leads Amelia, Emerson, their smart, gifted, child, Ramses, and servant, to be pursued by a thief, a religious teacher, and meet with a cast of likely, suspicious characters to discover who is behind the thefts and murder.

I honestly didn't think it was possible to love this series any more, but I do. Amelia and Emerson together are a fantastic mix, but add to that their son Ramses on the adventure and it just keeps getting better! This type of family would be an exhausting pleasure to know. While the mysteries themselves are only so-so, it is the characters and the setting that keep me coming back for more and thinking about this book while I am not reading it. Really and truly, this is the type of characterization that is such a treasure to find these days since it is in short supply. Ms. Peters really knows her stuff and I can easily imagine myself in the crowded streets of Cairo, in the open deserts of Dashoor or trying to find my way out of a pyramid. There is still quite a bit of romantic tension between Amelia and Emerson, but they have settled into the married life quite nicely. This time they bring their son Ramses along and he gets into, causes, and helps solve many of his own little scraps. I don't think I could honestly handle this type of a kid with as much aplomb as Amelia does, but whatever happens it is truly hilarious. I constantly find myself chuckling at how Amelia sees the world and at times she is quite insightful. I've begun collecting this series (and boy, it there

quite a bit of it!) because I know that I will be coming back to it again and again. Truly masterful!

Peters said she'd never intended the first book as the beginning of a series. I think the second one shows that and this one is much improved. The plot is still silly and unbelievable but the characters shine and she is really getting into stride with Ramses. Is lived in Egypt and have great respect and love for the Egyptian people and I am always so grateful to her for treating them with the respect and dignity they deserve. As a writer of historical mysteries I wish I could do one tenth as well...

This book is a romp. Amelia and Emerson are up to their usual selves. Emerson is determined to save Egyptian antiquities from thieves and incompetent archaeologists. Amelia is sure of her skills and still loves pyramids. And Ramses ... the lisp nearly drove me crazy, as it does Amelia. I feel for her having to raise a brilliant child who gets into no end of adventures. I'm all ready to start book number four in the series.

Radcliffe, Amelia, and Ramses Emerson are at it once again. Excavating in Egypt, they have murder, mystery, danger, intrigue, and discoveries galore. I love all the books about Amelia Peabody and this one does not disappoint! Ramses is a chip off both blocks although he is very young in this book. Humorous and satisfying!

This is the first time I have read a book by this author. The story is interesting and engaging, the fact that it is set in Egypt is wonderful. The pyramids and the mystery make this an enjoyable story. The characters are interesting and the two main characters interactions are unique and enjoyable. Recommended reading.

Elizabeth Peters is a first class storyteller. Her novel is chock full of fascinating Egyptology wrapped up in an interesting detective story, with a humorous characters that will keep you laughing as you sympathize with their dilemmas. With adventures galore this is a page turner you won't want to put down and you will search for the next book in the series to keep up with the Peabody-Emerson family in Egypt.

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