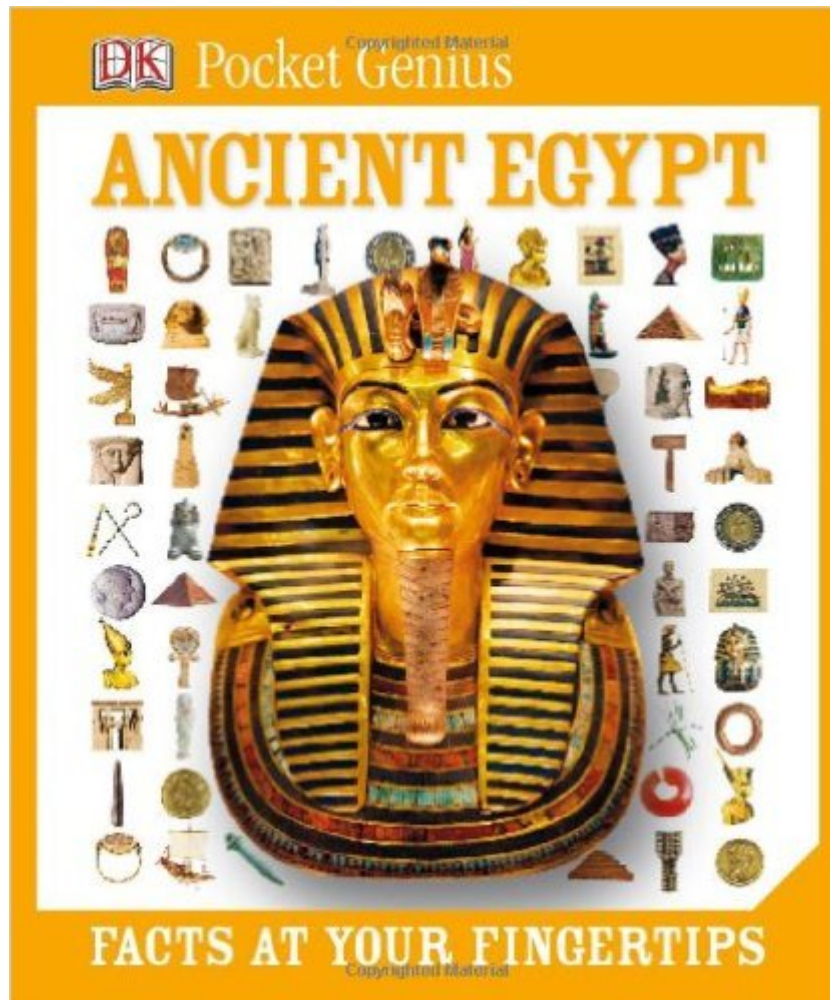


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Customer Reviews

I like this book because it is richly illustrated and designed beautifully and concisely. However, I do have a critique to apply to it, and it is something that pops up again and again in the way many of these books on ancient Egypt are written for children, so I think I'll mention it here. This book's chapter titled "Ancient Egyptians" only covers royalty. Can you imagine twenty centuries from now a children's book that addresses British history in terms of the royal family alone and not all the British people, and even Commonwealth and colonial people, who made that royal family's position and lifestyle possible? A later long chapter in this book addresses "Daily Life" in which the authors then cover many activities of the general population; however, they address the existence of these amazing people only in terms of their functions in society, which seems a rather techno-mechanistic

way to approach it, since the ancient Egyptians were humans with all the same amazing attributes as people today in addition to their skills. And there are amazing facts about the ancient Egyptians that are passed over by this book; for instance, it could have succinctly mentioned the magnificent facts about Ancient Egypt's society that are outside the "royalty" fairytale aspects of the images that have been latched onto about the era -- facts like the ability of all citizens to petition the Pharaoh/court with grievances; and, women having more of what we would call rights than anywhere else in the ancient world (like the legal ability to own land and, if they wanted to, get a divorce).

Ancient Egypt is a subject that is covered in history lessons at school and in homeschool. And books are references that are cracked open on this subject as it's rare that your class can go to a field trip in Cairo unless you have the Magic School Bus that is... *grin* So to get information on how Egyptians lived back in the days you need books. And personally I like have a variety of books on one subject when we are studying it. So I am pleased to present you the Pocket Genius Ancient Egypt today. The book will cover almost everything that is known about this ancient civilization. At the beginning of the book, you can learn about the Nile River, the history of ancient Egypt, writing and warfare. Once you have learn about these you can jump in specific detailed information about Ancient Egypt like: Ancient Egyptians will talk about the royal life and the people part of this category of people. Tombs and Monuments will present the pyramids, tombs and monuments build during that time period. Religion will talk about the priests, rituals, mummies, gods, goddesses, temples, sacred artifacts and more. Daily Life will provide interesting information about their home, clothes, toys, games, music, hunting, fishing, farming, and more. Finally at the end of the book, you can discover fascinating facts, have a quick glance of Egypt and learn more about Hieroglyphs. While going through this book, I learned that Pharaohs had many wives but only one held the title of "Great Royal Wife" and ruled by him as queen. I also learned the kind of food they ate - bread made of barley, wheat and figs as well as dates and figs. Which reminds me that one fruit I want to have in 2013 is the fig as I never had any so far in my life.

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