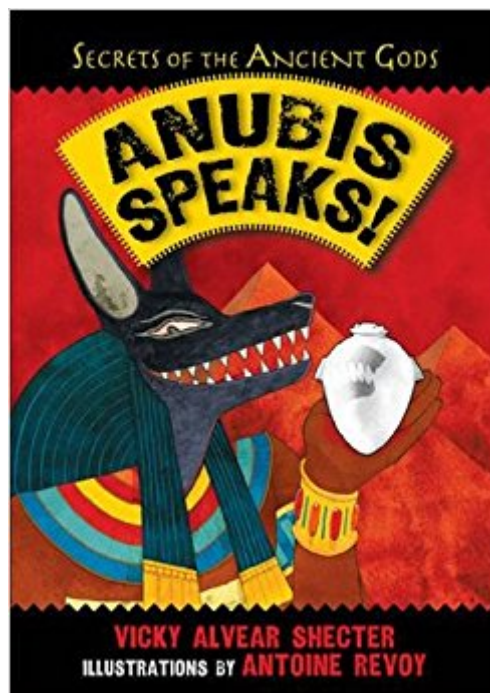


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Anubis Speaks!: A Guide To The Afterlife By The Egyptian God Of The Dead (Secrets Of The Ancient Gods)



Synopsis

Who better than Anubis, the jackal-headed god of mummification, to serve as a guide through the dreaded Land of the Dead? In this fresh and imaginative approach to nonfiction, the first title in the Secrets of the Ancient Gods series, Anubis steers the reader through the Egyptian dark lands. Along the way, they meet fearsome gods and gruesome monsters. And they witness the battle of the gods against Apophis, the giant demon-snake trying to devour the world. With ghoulish humor and lots of attitude (he is a god, after all), Anubis introduces readers to ancient Egyptian beliefs and rituals—including the secrets of mummification—with panache and, if he does say so himself, drop-dead humor. Includes glossary, bibliography, and index.

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Gr 4-6—At the heart of this imaginative tour of the afterworld of Egyptian mythology is the judgment of the dead: the recently deceased's heart is weighed against a feather, and the individual's fate is left up to whether the heart is lighter and therefore pure, or heavier and deserving of damnation. The weighing is done by the god of the dead and embalming, Anubis, who also serves as a wickedly funny tour guide. This book is packed with information. Anubis introduces readers to ancient Egypt and its people; the basics of Egyptian mythology; the process of

mummification; and, of course, the judgment of souls. Another big topic is the harrowing journey the sun god Ra experiences every night, descending into the Underworld to defeat his enemy, Apophis, and rising again in the morning. Anubis takes readers on as well. The book ends with a list of gods and demons in the Egyptian pantheon. Anubis is snarky, but he gives a sense of genuine interest and enthusiasm, adding well-injected humor. He also relishes gross or graphic bits, and the illustrations, black-and-white depictions of important scenes, usually feature Anubis grinning and looking oddly joyful. A sentiment that will likely be matched by readers. His narration, plus the incredible wealth of interesting detail, could make this book a hit in any library. Heather Talty, formerly at Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School, New York City (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Everyone's favorite jackal god, full of himself in just the right sort of ways to be good fun, takes readers on a romp through the colorful world of ancient Egyptian mythology. He's not afraid to be a little morbid, but isn't that natural for a god of the dead? Seriously, though, you and your kids would have a fun time reading this, and enjoying all the fun illustrations much like the grinning picture along front within.

My son is in 6th grade and really doesn't want to read unless it's his choice. He has an Egyptian project and has to learn about Anubis. This book is fabulous. It's as if Anubis is writing directly to the reader and drawing them in. Definitely worth reading

To all those who are fond of Ancient Egypt and/or its mythology. To Kemetics and other new age groups who appreciate Ancient Egypt's religion, this is a humorous book. It describes a routine night journey of Ra, the great sun god, through the lands of the dead, to be reborn the following morning, all from the perspective of Anubis, the jackal-headed god of mummification. During the journey, Anubis narrates stories of other Egyptian mythology, including the creation of the world, the

story of Osiris, etc. He also speaks of the factual process of how the dead were mummified and prepared for the afterlife, among other historical events and personages. A comedic approach to learning about Egyptian myths, along with some history. Entertaining for young readers, age 12+

My seven-year-old daughter loved this book! In her words, "It was really interesting and I like how you couldn't really guess what was going to happen." She told me all about the Egyptians' beliefs as she was reading, especially the part about weighing the heart. All in all, a really fun way for kids to learn about Egyptian history!

Thanks to Vicky Shecter for writing a book my (reading averse) 11-year-old LOVES! He has owned it for months and keeps going back to it. Can't recommend it enough!

This book is geared towards kids, but it is an excellent explanation of the various myths narrated by the hilarious Anubis. A fun read for all ages!

Anubis clearly loves his job; being worshiped and getting to toss still beating hearts to the crocodile-headed Amut the Destroyer, what could be better? In this chatty, behind-the-scenes tour, the jackal-headed god of the underworld guides readers through an epic nightly battle, as Egyptian Gods fight against the forces of darkness and evil to ensure the sun god Ra is reborn: rising anew with the dawn. Schecter does a remarkable job of making the complicated iconography of Egyptian mythology both clear and memorable, without dumbing-it-down. Convivial, yet menacing, Anubis orients readers with the Egyptian creation myth and then gets down to the really gross stuff. In between the blood, guts and snakes he manages to convey lots of accurate, precise, nuanced and compelling information about Egyptian practices and beliefs, making *Anubis Speaks* both an excellent curricular resource and a fun recreational read. Cleverly, a caution at the beginning warns of alarming content while simultaneously functioning as a source-note. An index, glossary, guide to Gods and Demons encountered, and an extensive list of sources, establish nonfiction bona fides - making this an auspicious beginning to the new *Secrets of the Ancient Gods* series.

Oh, ANUBIS SPEAKS! This is SUCH a fun read, even if it is about the Egyptian God of the Dead. Or maybe because it IS about Anubis. Vicky Alvear Shecter gives voice to this god in a way that middle schoolers will love--and learn a whole lot about the Egyptian beliefs of the afterlife in the process. Anubis is our tour guide through the twelve hour journey through the perilous Land of the

Dead, explaining the ins and outs (and innards) of gods and mummies and rituals and snakes and desert and the Nile...well, it's quite a long list, both fascinating and icky. And did I mention that it's funny, too? Like I said, the kids'll love it. The Land of the Dead will never be the same.

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