



Reading about Ancient Egypt

A list of recommended reading about Ancient Egypt suitable for readers in the middle to upper secondary. This list complements the year 7 HSS (Social Science) unit on Ancient civilisations for the Australian curriculum.

The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan

The Red Pyramid, The Throne of Fire, The Serpent's Shadow

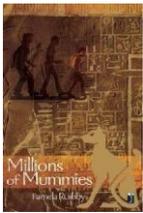
One curse. Two heroes. An evil that won't stay buried. 'I guess it started the night our dad blew up the British Museum...' Carter and Sadie Kane's dad is a brilliant Egyptologist with a secret plan that goes horribly wrong.

The Cleopatra Curse by Katherine Roberts

Zeuxis works as a lighthouse boy, collecting fuel for the famous Pharos lighthouse of Alexandria, but he dreams of becoming a charioteer. When Queen Cleopatra turns Zeuxis down, envoys of Julius Caesar give him the chance to race. What are the Romans really after, and how will Zeuxis outwit an ancient demon, summoned to change the course of history?

The Great Pyramid Robbery by Katherine Roberts

Senu is really fed up when he's forced to help build one of the largest and most magnificent pyramids ever constructed. It's hot, dusty, and hard work, and things go from bad to worse when Senu and his friends realise they're part of a dangerous plot to steal Lord Khufu's treasure. Senu and his ka, Red, must outwit the robbers and battle against an ancient curse - but will Red's magical powers be enough to save them?



Millions of Mummies by Pamela Rushby

When Katty goes to Egypt for the summer to work on an archaeological project involving animal mummies preserved by the ancient Egyptians, she thinks the biggest problem she will face is adjusting to her new step-family.

Thebes of the Hundred Gates by Robert Silverberg

Edward Davis of the Time Service is on a rescue mission. Eighteen months before, two Service personnel headed for the Rome of Tiberius were lost when their Jump Field missed, putting them in Thebes around 1390 BC. Now that the Service has finally calculated their location, Edward is to go back 35 and a half C's to bring them home - if they're still alive.

Return of the Mummy by R.L. Stine

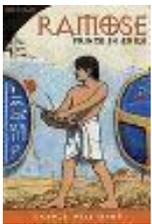
After last year's scary adventure, Gabe's a little nervous about being back in Egypt. Back near the ancient pyramids. Back where he saw all those creepy mummies. Then he learns about an Egyptian superstition. No way a couple of dumb words can wake the dead. Can they?

The Time-Travelling Fashionista and Cleopatra, Queen of the Nile by Bianca Turetsky

After trying on a Grecian dress, a twelve-year-old girl who likes vintage fashion travels back to ancient Egypt, where she experiences life as a handmaiden to Queen Cleopatra and learns valuable lessons about confidence and leadership.

JumpMan by James Valentine

Theodore Pine Four has hair that constantly changes colour, a coat that talks and a defective JumpMan Pro that sends him TimeJumping back to the twenty-first century — the last place he wants to be.



The Ramosé series by Carole Wilkinson

Ramosé: Prince in Exile, Ramosé and the Tomb Robbers, Ramosé: Sting of the Scorpion Ramosé: The Wrath of Ra

Set in Ancient Egypt, this series of books follows the adventures of Prince Ramosé as he fights for his position as the pharaoh's rightful heir.

Cleopatra: the Story of the Beautiful Egyptian Queen by Valerie Wilding

Think you know about Cleopatra? Yes, the beautiful Egyptian queen is famous for having relationships with two powerful rulers of Rome. There is more to her life than that. The fiery pharaoh was brilliant at learning languages, loved taking long baths and was terrified of losing her throne.

Fireheart: A Gina Champion Mystery by Kim Wilkins

Gina's new job at the visiting Egyptian exhibition isn't exactly working out how she'd hoped, and there's one strange artefact, the Heart of Ryhotep, which is giving her bad dreams. Slowly she begins to put the pieces together and finds herself facing a centuries-old curse.

The Golden Scarab by Barbara Winter

An Egyptian Princess, Meri, rescues a slave girl called Layla. When the pharaoh suddenly gets sick, Princess Meri and Layla play detective to find out what's making him ill.

The Scarab's Secret by Nick Would

In the days of ancient Egypt, the god Ra created all things. Great or small, they were part of the circle of life and death. But who could have dreamt that a tiny scarab beetle would hold the key to the life of the Pharaoh himself?

The Lost Diary of Tutankhamun's Mummy by Clive Dickinson

Newly discovered diaries and postcards from Ancient Egypt reveal that King Tutankhamun was a bit of a mummy's boy - but what can you expect from a nine-year-old ruler with a mother like Nefertidy!

Tutankhamun and Other Mummy's Boys by Martin Oliver

You'll find out what a little treasure the boy king was. You'll learn about his life, his death and his afterlife - and you can't say pharaoh than that.

Hatshepsut: The Lost Pharaoh of Egypt by Carole Wilkinson

Hatshepsut was just a girl when it came to being Pharaoh, she was the best man for the job. The pharaohs who followed her tried to erase her name from history, but the mystery of the princess who became the ruler of all Egypt could not stay buried.



The Glittering Eye by L.J. Adlington

Shabti wakes in a barley field with nothing but a hoe in his hand and a head full of fragmented memories. A vicious master torments his days, working in the fields with no way of escape, until a hole suspended in mid-air, leads him to a room. Two shiny gold eyes glitter back at him. Questions. Who is he? Where does this room lead?

The Dream Master by Theresa Breslin

There are good dreams and there are rotten dreams, and once they're over, they're over. Or are they?

I am the Mummy Heb-Nefert by Eve Bunting

A mummy recalls her past life in ancient Egypt as the beautiful wife of the pharaoh's brother.

Cleopatra: Escape Down the Nile by Caroline Corby

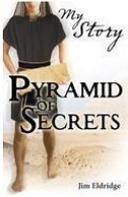
A young girl flees the city, fearing for her life. Living in hiding, uncertain of her future, she finally receives news from home. The time has come to face her enemies - and take her place as Princess Cleopatra, future Queen of Egypt.

Princess of Egypt by Vince Cross

It's 490BC and Asha, daughter of King Thutmose, lives a carefree life at the royal court in Thebes. When a prophecy foretells that "a young woman will prove to be the best man in the Two Kingdoms", she's caught up in a world of plots and danger.

Death of a Princess by Susan Geason

When the Pharaoh's beautiful daughter, Isis, unexpectedly dies, rumours fly around the harem of MerWer. Meryet, the harem's beautician, discovers that the princess was poisoned, and must race against time to find the murderer.



Pyramid of Secrets by Jim Eldridge

It's 2517 BC, and the river Nile has flooded. Unable to plough their fields, Nebka follows his uncle to build the pyramid of Khafre. It's back breaking work, all for the glory of the Pharaoh. Then he meets a mysterious prisoner claiming to be the rightful heir to the throne, and is drawn in to a deadly plot.

The Oracle sequence by Catherine Fisher

The Oracle, The Archon, The Scarab

In a distant desert land, the servants of the god rule supreme. New Bearer Mirany is afraid of her onerous duties and her secret doubts. When she receives real visions of the god, revealing the true heir to the kingdom, she must try to stop the corrupt High Priestess seizing power.



Pharaoh: The Boy Who Conquered the Nile by Jackie French

The people call Prince Narmer 'the Golden One'. Handsome and talented, he is destined to be King of Thinis, the greatest town in Egypt and, for Narmer, the centre of the world. Then a devastating accident forces him to give up his right to the throne and sends him journeying across the Middle East.

Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile by Kristiana Gregory

While her father is in hiding after attempts on his life, Cleopatra records in her diary how she fears for her own safety and hopes to survive to become Queen of Egypt.

The Egyptian Chronicles by Gill Harvey

Spitting Cobra, Horned Viper

Hopi and Isis, feature in each book and readers will be intrigued to follow their struggles for existence and adventure in Egypt circa 1150 BC.



Orphan of the Sun by Gill Harvey

Thirteen-year-old orphan, Meryt-re, lives with her aunt's family in the ancient Egyptian village of Set Maat, home of the pharaohs' tomb builders. When her uncle pressurises her to marry a dull stonecutter, she resists, and begs for guidance from the gods - but she's unable to decipher the message behind her vivid dreams.

Mask of the Jackal by Christine Harris

Morgan Steele is fascinated by Ancient Egypt and mummies. Until he is alone in a museum basement and strange things begin to happen. What starts as a school assignment ends with Morgan involved in the disappearance of a mummy, kidnapping, madness, a terrifying attempt to escape danger and a search for immortality.

The Time-Travelling Cat by Julia Jarman

"Tell me, Ka, where do you go?" Topher said to the cat. Something extraordinary happened. Ka stepped on to the keyboard and carefully spelled out: *B-+uBasT*is. Ka has chosen to live with Topher, but when she disappears for days at a time, Topher decides to follow her.



The Akhenaten Adventure by P.B. Kerr

John and Phillipa Gaunt are twins. Ordinary human children, they believe. But when their parents' house keeper wins the lottery, they make an extraordinary discovery. The twins are djinn, and their magical power has just made Mrs. Trump's dream come true.

The Scribes From Alexandria by Caroline Lawrence

It's May, AD81. On their way back to Ostia from North Africa, the Roman merchant ship carrying Flavia and her friends is wrecked and one of the four detectives goes missing. A desperate quest takes the others to the Romano-Egyptian port of Alexandria: site of the great lighthouse, the Library and the tomb of Alexander the Great.

Pharaoh's Tomb by Wendy Macdonald

Ani is training to be a scribe like his father and the other men in his family. He is the best student in the class at the temple because he keeps his eyes open and he doesn't miss a thing. Not everything is as it seems.

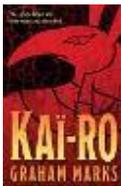
Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise McGraw

To gain her freedom, Mara, a slave, plays the dangerous role of double spy for two arch Enemies — each of whom supports a contender for the throne of Egypt. An exciting story of adventure, romance and intrigue in ancient Egypt.

Cairo Jim Chronicles by Geoffrey McSkimming

Cairo Jim and the Chaos from Crete, Cairo Jim and the Tyrannical Bauble of Tiberius, Cairo Jim Amidst the Petticoats of Artemis, Cairo Jim and the Sunken Sarcophagus of Sekheret, Cairo Jim on the Trail to Chacha Muchos, Cairo Jim and the Astragels of Angkor

Join archaeologist, Cairo Jim, as he solves mysteries in ancient lands.



Kai-Ro by Graham Marks

When the gods go to war, it is always the mortals who suffer. And when the sun rises on a world where once again Setekh, God of Chaos, and Horus, God of the Sky, walk the land, then battle is inevitable.

The Black Sphinx Mystery by Andrew Matthews

The black sphinx is missing. Who wants it the most? Crispin Rattle, our orphaned young hero? Or madder than a mackerel Jasper Pepper? But if Jackal-Headed Gods can't stop Jasper Pepper, what on earth can Crispin do? Can you crack the hieroglyphic code?

Cleopatra's Daughter by Michelle Moran

At the dawn of the Roman Empire, when tyranny ruled, a daughter of Egypt and a son of Rome found each other...

Slave Girl by Alexa Moses

Jenna has nabbed an appointment in New York's coolest hair salon, but when her teacher insists she stay with the group at the boring Metropolitan Museum, she storms off and stumbles into what she thinks is a fancy-dress party. The party is in ancient Egypt, 3500 years ago. Once Jenna accepts she's really travelled back in time, and with only her big mouth, a smart phone and a pair of second hand Marc Jacobs sandals she realises she has to work out a way home .

The Prince of Egypt by Larry Navarro

Moses was born the son of Hebrew slaves, but he was brought up as a pampered Prince of Egypt. When he learns his true identity, he flees. For years he lives contentedly as a humble shepherd — until God gives him a great task.

Various titles by Roy Pond The Mummy King's Realm, The Mummy Rescue Mission, The Mummy Tomb Hunt, The Mummy Monster Game, Pharaoh Seekers: Hide-and-Shriek... Inside a Scary Living Museum, Pyramid Voyagers Rescue Missions to the Tombs & Treasures of Egypt's Past.

