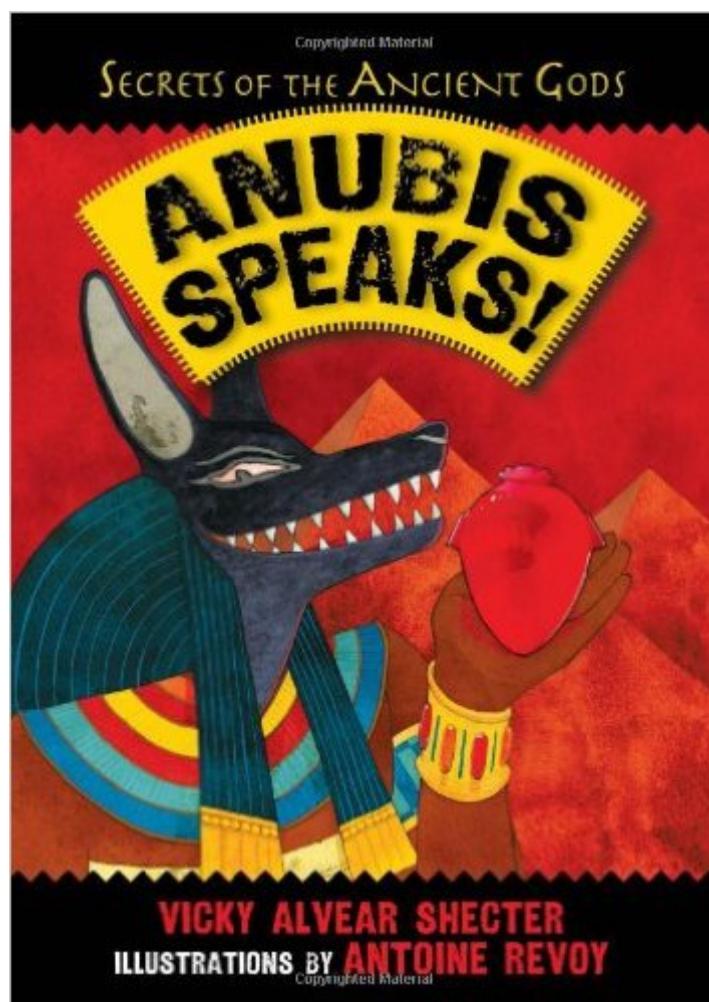


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Anubis Speaks!: A Guide To The Afterlife By The Egyptian God Of The Dead (Secrets Of The Ancient Gods)



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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Customer Reviews

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!

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.

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+

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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