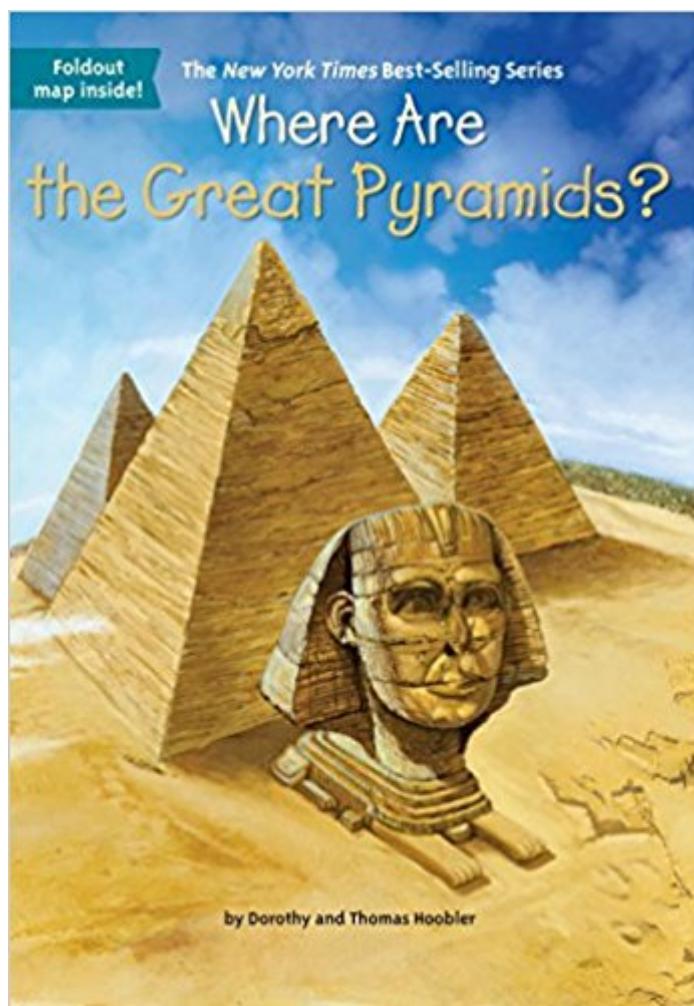


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Where Are The Great Pyramids? (Where Is?)



Synopsis

The Great Pyramids of Egypt--all kids over the age of five recognize them instantly. These massive tombs were built thousands of years ago, and still no one knows exactly how the ancient Egyptians did it! In this informative account, Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler tell the story of the powerful pharaohs who commissioned the pyramids at Giza and offer a fascinating look at the culture of the afterlife in ancient Egypt, explaining exactly how mummies were made. Easy to read and scrupulously researched, this explores the mysteries that have attracted countless visitors to the pyramids for centuries.

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Customer Reviews

Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler have written many books for children and young adults, including the American Family Album series. Their YA mystery, In Darkness, Death, won the Edgar Award.

Where Are the Great Pyramids? The Great Pyramids of Egypt are the most famous buildings in the world. They stand outside Cairo, the capital and biggest city in Egypt. Almost everybody has seen a picture of them. They are also among the world's largest buildings, the oldest

buildings still standing, and the most closely studied buildings. In ancient times, they were one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Today, all of those wonders have disappeared—except the pyramids. The pyramids were not built for people to live in. They were tombs for the pharaohs, the rulers of Egypt. Pharaohs were the link between the Egyptian people and their gods. In fact, the pharaohs themselves were regarded as gods. Whatever the pharaohs wished people to do, it was done. Thus, when pharaohs commanded thousands of people to work for many years to build their tombs, they did it. There are more than one hundred pyramids still standing in Egypt. But many of them are little more than heaps of rubble. The three largest are known as the Great Pyramids. The oldest of the three was built about 4,500 years ago. The ancient Egyptians believed the pharaoh would live in another world after death. That's why it was important to preserve his body and place it somewhere safe—like inside a pyramid. In an elaborate process, the body was turned into a mummy. It was dried, preserved, and wrapped in linen bands before being placed in a sarcophagus, or coffin. The pharaoh's servants put food, jewelry, furniture, and many treasures in the pyramid with him. The pharaohs wanted to make sure their tombs were not disturbed. So the pyramid builders carefully hid the passages that led to the pharaoh's burial chamber. They set traps for anyone who tried to break in. Even so, tomb robbers managed to get inside and steal treasures. Over the centuries, Egypt declined. But the Great Pyramids remained. When later visitors arrived, they were astonished by what they saw. No one had seen anything like the pyramids. A Greek known as Herodotus arrived in Egypt in the fifth century BC. The pyramids were already thousands of years old then. Like so many others, he asked, "Who could have built these pyramids? How did they do it?" Today, scientists still seeking the answers to such questions. We know more about Egypt than Herodotus did, yet unsolved mysteries remain. Today's scientists are making new discoveries, but the pyramids still hold many secrets.

Purchased this for my 8 year old who is going through an Egypt phase! She loved the book and read it without being asked! That to me is a good book! She also used it for a report which was a bonus as well, because sometimes at this age it is hard for a child to do a research paper and put fact into their own words. This book delivered the facts and concepts so that she could easily write her own paper in her own words and have some good facts to back it up.

I bought this for my 10 year old niece who is interested in the history of Egypt. She loves it.

I absolutely love this series of books. A must have for any homeschool library.

Bought the Where are and Who are books for Grandsons, 8 yrs old. After they read them we discuss the facts. Best books ever

My soon to be 7 year old son has started in on "chapter books" and loves this series. We've been reading a chapter a night and he loves it.

Lots of good information here. Scientific methods keep improving, and more information is being extracted about the old tombs and the ancient culture, and the likely means used to build them.

Our "adopted" grandson who was an exchange student from Cairo lives 32 minutes from the Pyramids and the Sphinx. It was fun to share the book with our younger grandsons so they could learn about their brother from Egypt,

My eight-year-old, high level reader, grandson loves these books...we call them the "Who, What, Wheres"

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