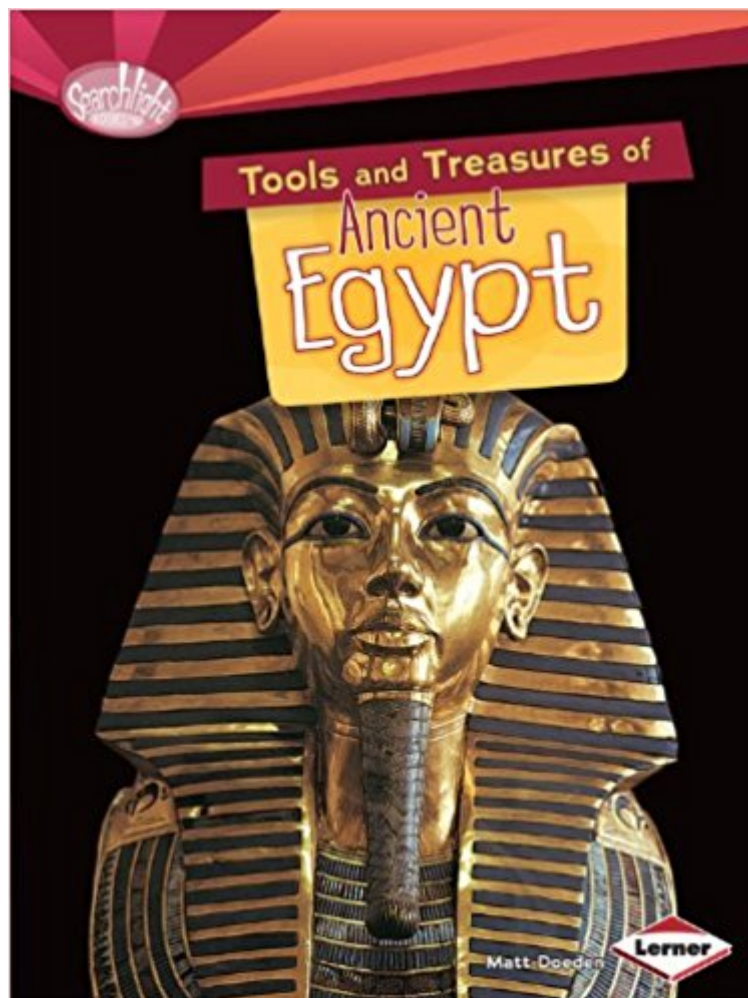




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making them strong additional purchases for elementary schools. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Matt Doeden was born in southern Minnesota and studied journalism at Mankato State University, where he worked at the college newspaper for three years. In 2003 he decided to start his own business as a freelance writer and editor. Since then Matt has written and edited hundreds of books. Lots of them are on high-interest topics like cars, sports, and airplanes. He also writes and edits on geography, science, and even math.

Five thousand years ago, ancient Egypt was a growing civilization when Upper and Lower Egypt joined forces. It was a society that *flourished* along the Nile River in northeastern Africa for thousands of years. It was far from an uncivilized society, but rather a talented one with many skilled peoples. There were farmers, builders, artists, musicians, and writers. The climate was a desert one and as a result Egyptians *settled* along the Nile. There they could raise crops and catch fish in the river itself. The desert, however, isolated Egypt from other civilizations and they had to make a go of it on their own. Their culture flourished and grew as a result. Egypt had a class system with and *slaves* lived the harshest lives. It could be a miserable existence and *their* owners could beat them or even kill them. It wasn't hard for everyone though as some were treated as family members. They were workers right along with farmers and craftsmen. Other upperclassmen included scribes, priests and noblemen. Of course there was the pharaoh, who *was* even considered a god! The Egyptians communicated by speaking Egyptian and wrote in hieratic or by using hieroglyphics. Did you know that *this* style included an alphabet of more than seven hundred different pictures? Amazing, but true. You *will* also learn about the Egyptians *religion*, mummies, tombs, their artwork, architecture, music, and many other interesting things about the *tools and treasures* of ancient Egypt. This is a fascinating book about ancient Egypt that young students will enjoy. Newly independent and independent readers will be able to work through this beginning chapter book with a minimum of assistance. The layout is open and interspersed with full color photographs or reproductions of artwork representative of the topic of each chapter. For example, when discussing pastimes there is a photograph of a senet board, a game that might have been similar to backgammon. There is also a small, simple map depicting the area. This is the type of book that can

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This is an overview book of ancient Egypt, best utilized probably as a read-aloud for around 1st/2nd grade or an independent level reading book for grade 3 or so. It carefully covers all the basic ancient civilization topics at an introductory level: * What did they create/leave behind? * What was the environment like (desert/water, homes)? * What major crops did they eat/grow? * Who were the neighbors/trade influences? * What was the religion/language/culture? * Brief intro to Egypt of today Each page has 3-5 sentences of text and a clear photograph or illustration to add interest. All information is presented so that the youngest school-age children will understand and stay interested. There is a nice map with simple details and an inset showing where the detail map appears on the globe, again appropriate for grades K-3. The back contains a very brief 1-page glossary, list of books for further information, websites and a very brief index. All of these would serve well as introductions to these features in books for early learners. I give this book 5 stars used as an introduction for K-3 students approximately. The photos and text are clear and concise, visually interesting, not overwhelming at all. There are shelves and shelves of Egypt books in just about every library I have ever visited, but many are geared towards more middle school and up. It is very nice to see an updated intro book with modern photos and illustrations for the youngest set. I received an electronic copy of this book free through Netgalley for an honest review.

As a lover of all things have to do with Egypt I really liked this book and the fact that me and my 8yo were able to sit down and enjoy it together. He was very interested in the book as well and it was just long enough to keep his attention.

This is a great resource for those just beginning to learn about Ancient Egypt. What little kid isn't fascinated with mummies, pyramids, hieroglyphics, and human-bodied, animal-headed gods? This book has just enough information to "wow" them without overwhelming them. One of the best things about this book is that many early elementary students will be able to read it independently.

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