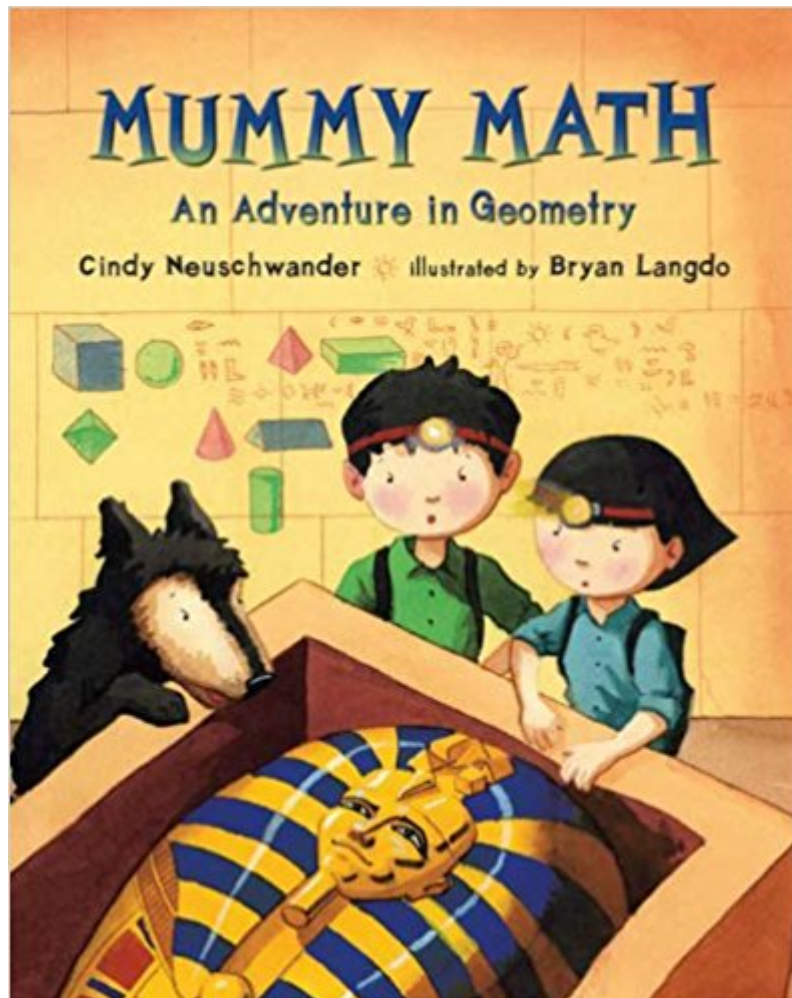




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Mummy Math: An Adventure In Geometry



Synopsis

Matt, Bibi, and their dog Riley crawled through the tiny opening first. FWUMP! A secret door suddenly closed behind them . . . The Zills family is summoned to Egypt to help find the hidden burial chamber of an ancient pharaoh. But when Matt and Bibi get trapped in the pharaoh's pyramid, they stumble upon an even bigger mystery. With only each other, their dog Riley, and the geometric hieroglyphics on the walls to help them, the twins must use their math skills to locate the burial chamber and the way out. Luckily, Matt and Bibi know their stuff when it comes to geometric solids, and so will the readers of this adventure in math!

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Customer Reviews

Grade 1-4 Matt and Bibi go to Egypt with their scientist parents in search of an ancient pharaoh's mummy. When the siblings are accidentally shut in the pyramid, they decide to explore. Using hieroglyphic clues, they discover that the path to the mummy is delineated by "faces," the flat surfaces of geometric solids. As they find either pictures of solid shapes or the objects themselves, the twins count the faces of the shapes and are guided through the pyramid by relating their answers to the hieroglyphic clues. They find the mummy and a map indicating the way out. Although this book attempts to provide an introduction to solid geometry, the information is not clearly presented. The colorful impressionist cartoons depict the various shapes discussed in the text, but

they are not labeled. The plot itself is a stretch: before they leave for Egypt, Bibi says she hopes to learn about hieroglyphics, but as soon as she arrives there, she is expert enough to interpret complex messages. An endnote lists some good activities to help children learn about geometric solids, but the story will leave readers more confused than enlightened. Try Stuart J. Murphy's *Captain Invincible and the Space Shapes* (HarperCollins, 2001) and Tana Hoban's *Cubes, Cones, Cylinders, & Spheres* (Greenwillow, 2000) for better introductions to this topic. --Lynda Ritterman, Atco Elementary School, Waterford, NJ Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“The illustrations, by Bryan Langdo, are bright and clever, and there's a straightforward lesson in geometry built into the promise of Egypt. . . . very young Egyptologists will enjoy the archaeological atmosphere.”
—The New York Times Book Review

This book is super cute and fun for elementary students. We used this in our homeschool for ages 6,9,10. I just wanted a little math fun book to go with our ancient Egyptian study. This was the perfect book for that. The little kids in the book get lost and have to find their way out of the pyramid with clues from hieroglyphics on the walls. This king apparently liked three dimensional shapes, haha. This is a fun book for practice or for learning three dimensional shapes. The illustrations are very cute. At the end there is a cute math problem to solve. We used this along with actual shapes so my kids could look at each one as we read the book. We loved it!

As homeschoolers, this book was first checked out from library and had to buy it. Lot of fun and becomes an excellent resource for geometric shape names. My 5 and 8 y/o love. Me too!

I used this book for two separate lesson plans. I made a game board and added game cards based on the book. This quickly became an engaging way to count faces, vertices, and edges. I also used it in 7th grade social studies to add questions about history. BONUS: my 13 yr. old and 10 yr. old thought it was an engaging book!

My 9 year older daughter loved this book, and was excited to recall her lessons on "solids" and "faces." She's very into learning all things Egypt right now.

This is a totally dorky book, but my students totally got into it. Not only that, they referred to it during the rest of my geometry unit! I used this book as an introduction to 3-D shapes, and followed the read aloud with a 3-D shape Mobile activity. I always put the book on display after I read it, and I noticed several kids going back to re-read the book.

I love the story line. While I have not used it in class yet, I already have ideas for next year.

Math is always fun when you have a story behind it. This book does not disappoint. I purchased this for my kids as an introduction to geometry and they love it!

I purchased this book for two reasons: one to reinforce my DD's learning of various shapes and two to share as a read-aloud to her class. All kids enjoyed the adventure. It had enough excitement and problem-solving but not too much and a funny ending. My DD still likes to read this book on her own (or be read to) before bedtime once in awhile (a year later).

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