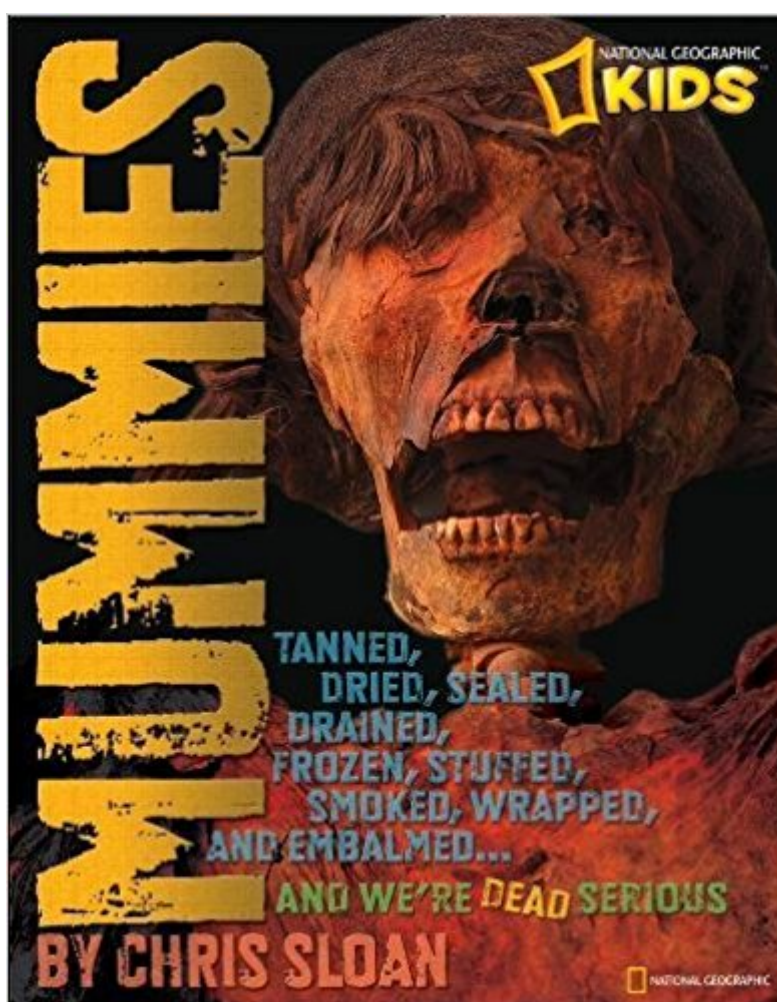


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# Mummies: Dried, Tanned, Sealed, Drained, Frozen, Embalmed, Stuffed, Wrapped, And Smoked...and We're Dead Serious (National Geographic Kids)





## Synopsis

Investigate mysteries from the grave in this vividly illustrated book, a creepy-fun compendium of the world's most fascinating mummies. National Geographic's unparalleled photographs bring kids up close and personal with ancient remains, while Chris Sloan's mesmerizing text reveals what the experts have discovered about each mummy's life and death. Kids will clamor to read this book in the classroom or at home—and they'll absorb science, ancient cultures, geography, and more, as freaky photos and intriguing stories keep them glued to every page.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 5-7 "A gratifyingly grisly album of choice photos accompanies Sloan's lucid, informative text as he describes not only the mummification processes but also individual mummies produced whether by intent or by chance. From the dried Beauty of Krórǎn in China to the bundled Lady of Cao in a Peruvian pyramid or the familiar Boy King Tut in Egypt, a global variety is offered to fascinated readers. An excellent appendix includes a map, a time line, and a glossary. A bibliography of adult material and three websites are included, but there are no suggestions for further reading that might list Sandra Markle's fine *Outside and Inside Mummies* (Walker, 2005), Shelley Tanaka's more

difficult Mummies: The Newest, Coolest & Creepiest from Around the World (Abrams, 2005), Kelly Hall's more tightly focused *Mysteries of the Mummy Kids* (Darby Creek, 2007), or, on a different slant altogether, Philip Manning's intriguing *Dinomummy: The Life, Death and Discovery of Dakota, a Dinosaur from Hell Creek* (Kingfisher 2007). Even libraries that own these titles should find room on their shelves for Sloan's well-written, heavily illustrated glimpse into the world of after-death preservation, either by accident or design. "Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY. (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

True to his title, Sloan introduces 11 mummies or groups of mummies that demonstrate the many ways these "human time capsules" have been preserved beyond their mortal spans. For examples ranging from the 8000-year-old Chinchoro children of Chile's Atacama Desert to the corpses of Vladimir Lenin (the George Washington of the Soviet Union) and Moimango, father of a still-living village chief in Papua New Guinea, he explains the mummies' significance; how the ancient ones were rediscovered; and, in general but step-by-step and sometimes stomach-churning detail, the natural or artificial processes by which their decay was averted. Illustrated with plenty of big, ugly close-up color photos and closing with a well-designed time line and world map (plus a select list of further resources), this outing will have both casual and confirmed fans calling for their mummies. Grades 4-7. --John Peters

My 4year old son LOVED this book when we borrowed it from our library. He memorized ever type of mummification and even gave a book report about it at a talent show. It was one of his requests from Santa and I'm so pleased that had it. Very graphic and informative.

Hilarious book. The child that received it loved it. Quick delivery.

Here is a book so attention-grabbing it will literally fly off the shelves. Written in a kid-friendly style, and containing a plethora of fabulous photographs, there is just enough enjoyable gruesomeness here without becoming gross or disturbing. Having been dried, sealed, drained, frozen, embalmed, stuffed, wrapped and smoked, mummies are now demystified in lively text and graphics. From the Desert Child of Chile (5050 BC) to the corpse of Vladimir Putin (1924), all the major finds, as well as the lesser known, have been included. For example: The Ice Man, the Bog bodies of Denmark (many of whom met a very grisly fate), King Tut, the Warrior Woman of Peru, and some celebrity

mummies reach out to us from the past. And in the Capuchin catacombs of Sicily "about 1,800 lifelike bodies hang on the walls, sit on benches, and lean casually, as if they're waiting for the bus." Mysteries are unraveled as tales unfold. Technical information about each mummification process is also included, bringing those processes alive. Author Chris Sloan has more than lived up to National Geographic standards in this accessible and visually stunning book. He ends with a note: "This book was produced out of a real passion for mummies. I want the world to see them not as odd curiosities, but as real people who lived in the past and have much to tell us. Until mummies are better understood, many will continue to suffer damage from neglect." After reading MUMMIES, young readers will have a better awareness of the science underpinning this fascinating field, as well as enjoying the thrill of having read something slightly "shocking."

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