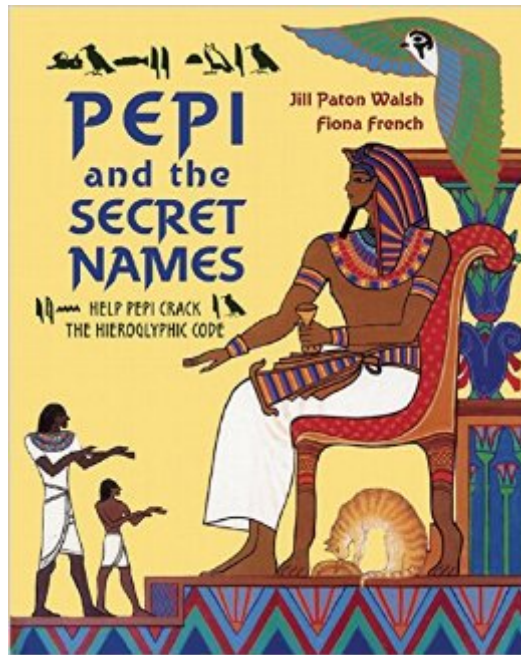


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# Pepi And The Secret Names: Help Pepi Crack The Hieroglyphic Code



## Synopsis

Prince Dhutmose has commanded a splendid tomb to be built for his final journey to the Land of the Dead. Pepi's father is to decorate it, but how can he paint the unimaginable? the Lions of the Horizon, the terrible gods Horus the Hawk and Sebek the crocodile, and Mertseger the deadly Winged Cobra? Pepi decides to find real-life models for his father, using his knowledge of secret names. In this enthralling, magically illustrated story, young readers can solve the secret names for themselves, using a simple hieroglyphics key to enter the mysterious world of ancient Egypt.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book because it was widely recommended in Christian homeschool curricula. I was initially disappointed in the book when we read it the first time, but I have changed my opinion as I have explored the genre further... finding a good conservative book on Ancient Egypt is not easy! First the Pro's: The book is beautifully done. The illustrations are marvelous and appealing even to preschoolers. My little kids loved looking at the lion, hawk, crocodile, and cobra which come to speak to Pepi. They also related to the idea of a boy trying to help his father paint these creatures, and thought it was fun every time the creatures showed up for real in the father's temple. They also enjoyed the hieroglyphics and the idea of each animal having a secret name. And of course the running subplot of the tabby cat showing up. It was a good story and the author put a lot of time into telling it. There was nothing objectionable in the account either--no inaccuracies, inappropriate language, or liberal kooky things thrown in there. There wasn't even a lot about the

Egyptian gods and polytheism, which is sometimes confusing for the youngest ages. It's just a good story. So I appreciate that. Also, there is a great hieroglyphics chart on the back page. My second and third graders had a lot of fun using it to write each other messages because the glyphs were big and more well-formed than in some of the charts they'd come across before. Now the Con's: The main problem is that the book is a good length but not formatted as well as it could be for younger kids. When I first read the book myself, I thought there was no way my younger kids would make it through all the text on each page. They didn't.

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