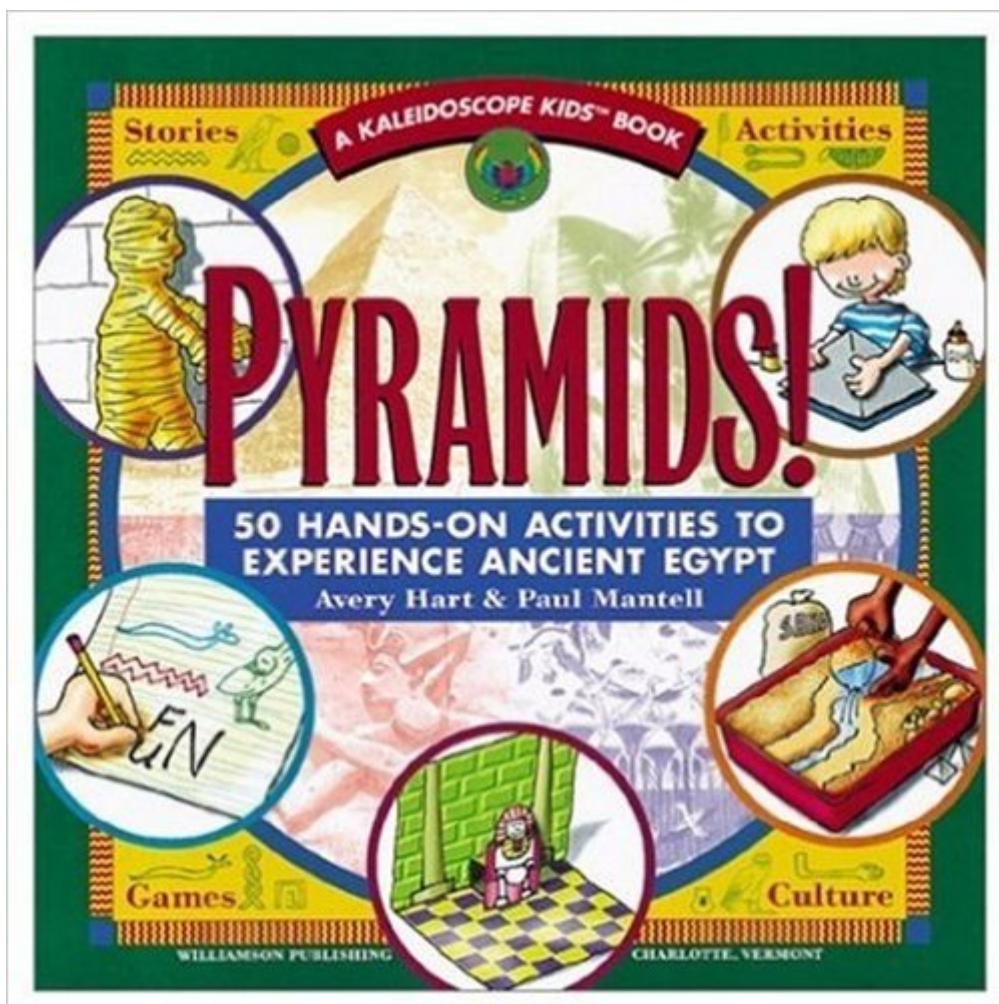


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# Pyramids!: 50 Hands-On Activities To Experience Ancient Egypt (Kaleidoscope Kids Books (Williamson Publishing))



## **Synopsis**

Today's kids actively experience the wonders of ancient Egypt. Games, food, clothing and creative activities involve children in the exploration of life in a ancient society.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I freely admit that as soon as I saw the cover of "Pyramids: 50 Hands-On Activities to Experience Ancient Egypt," that I immediately saw in my mind's eye teachers yoking their students to harnesses so they could drag giant stone blocks around the playground (think of the scenes from "The Ten Commandments"), or subjecting a most unruly student to mummification. Now, all of this would be wrong, very wrong indeed, so you should just stick to what Avery Hart & Paul Mantell come up with for young students to do in this Kaleidoscope Kids book. Ancient Egypt is presented in these pages as the land where magic and mystery meet, and young students are encouraged to "Egyptianize" themselves, forgetting about things like cars and televisions to focus on what sort of objects (e.g., rope, jewelry, balls, etc.) that were a part of the life of people living in ancient Egypt. You can play Egyptian-Style Tug 'o War, make your own scarab (so you can honor the beetle), and make up your own spell having been inspired by the ancient spell for a stomach bug. You can even make a pull

horse toy or Egyptian lady (or goddess doll). Consequently, by the time you finish the opening section where you learn that kids are still kids, even when separated by thousands of miles and thousands of years, teaches and students alike will find these activities to be fun. Granted, a class is not going to get to do four dozen activities for a unit on Ancient Egypt, but teachers can certainly pick and choose. Besides, some of these activities, such as making a Time Line, can be done for any culture or period being studied. Some, such as making a miniature Egypt or a reed boat, are pretty specific.

\*\*\*Check out our results in the customer images!\*\*\*\*We have used three Kaleidoscope Kids books written by Carol A. Johmann: "Going West" (pioneers/covered wagons), "Lewis and Clark", and "Bridges!" I can not say enough good things about those three books -- we studied them and used them as the basic texts for our homeschool units. The quality of the writing and the excellent craft ideas made learning from the books a hands-on joy. So, having experience with those three books, "Pyramids!" was a disappointment to me. The text is poorly done. Lots of psychological stuff and magical weirdness that is not age-appropriate for young grade schoolers. For two examples, read on. Page 68: Weigh your heart: write down names of people you are angry at, murmur some "magic words", and cross out the name on your list. That's being forgiving! Page 21: "Believe, believe, believe in the magical forces of nature! Believe with all your heart, mind, and soul! Believe that you have a special place and play a special part in this magical world!" Oh, and many more. Like Page 28: "Do you think that people would be happy now if they were assured good weather, food, wise leaders, and peace among nations? Would that make the neighborhood you live in crime-free? What about greed (always wanting more)? Why do you think the Egyptians weren't greedy?" I didn't leave this book in their hands for long -- we just used it to get the craft directions, then put it away.=====Having noted all that, I will say that the CRAFT IDEAS in this book are terrific, and they really work with (Important!) minimal help from mom. My children range all the way down to kindergarten age.

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