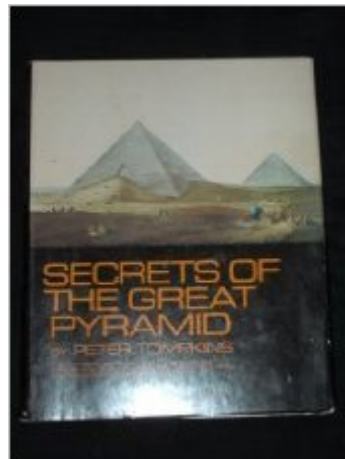


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Peter Thompkins, it seemed, set out to prove, in an Egyptological fashion the old truism that the truth is stranger- and more glorious- than fiction. He does so in a way unlike I have ever seen or read before. He makes it so clear that science, technology and the quest of man to understand his world and himself need not look the way it was taught to us in any schools we have attended- and in reality often isn't. In simply documenting the history and evolution of "Pyramidology", the science of studying the qualities, possible meanings and actual purposes of the great Pyramids of Giza, Thompkins allows the unfolding of the unpredictable- and uncontrollable- nature of both scientific discovery and cultural transformation to become fully visible to us in ways the mainstream establishment in any of the traditional fields could never allow. At one point in the survey you will see the study of the Pyramids devolve into cults; all documented evidence becomes at one time or another a metaphor for a specific culture or sub-culture's socio-political agenda or quasi-religious beliefs. At other times, a prophet of science like the English astronomer Lockyer- and his antecedents- will show up and flip the world as you know it on its head. Traditional Egyptology will at times look even more cultish than the Pyramid watchers, with the revealing of its willful ignorance of

obvious scientific evidence that not just obliterates but reveals the hidden psychology behind many of their long cherished theories.

A friend of mine recommended that I read this book, so I picked up a copy from the library and sat down one night to start reading it. I then proceeded to stay up until 6 AM because it was such an interesting book that I didn't want to put it down. If it were not for the vast amounts of evidence that Tompkins provides, I would have dismissed his theory (that the pyramids were designed and built by a very advanced race who existed before the Egyptians) as a wacky conspiracy theory. I am still not completely convinced that he is correct in his theories, but I am doing more research into the subject as a result of this book. Other authors seem to agree with his conclusions (i.e. Graham Hancock, John West, Robert Bauval, etc.), and they provide further evidence, so it is not something you can simply dismiss. Even if you disagree with Tompkin's conclusions, this book will make you think. All of the exceptional properties of the pyramid which Tompkin outlines cannot all be coincidental as conventional Egyptologists claim, so at the very least Tomkins provides a rather stunning blow to contemporary Egyptology. If you have not yet delved into the mysteries of the Pyramid, Sphinx, etc. then this is a good starting place, though I think that Graham Hancock's "The Message of the Sphinx" was easier to understand. I have only two complaints about this book: 1. Tompkins tends to give a lot of credible facts, then throw in something which is not so credible (i.e. he claims that the shape of the Great Pyramid has special power, and that model pyramids can keep milk inside of them from going bad even if placed out in the heat). The non-credible thing is not usually part of his main argument, but it still does not help his image. 2.

Secrets of the Great Pyramids is the original book that first alighted my interest in ancient Egypt, Atlantis, and the mystery of who we really are. Richly illustrated with photographs, engravings, and diagrams, it still inflames my imagination about this only existing wonder of the ancient world. The author Peter Tompkins expertly weaves enticing anecdotes about the history of the Great Pyramid. This is a book that's jam-packed with so much information, that even though I've read it numerous times, I still learn more every time I pick it up. Tompkins describes how ancient people probed the Great Pyramid's mysteries, that Isaac Newton was fascinated with the Pyramid, how Napoleon conquered Egypt with a battle fought in sight of the Pyramid, and the stories of early explorers such as Richard Howard-Vyse, Piazza Smyth, and William Flinders Petrie. Do you know that mummy flesh was once a popular medical remedy in Europe? That's the kind of intriguing anecdote you'll find interspersed among the captivating stories of the early theories, exploration, and discoveries at the

Pyramid. I also love the photographs of 19th century tourists including President Ulysses S. Grant and a number of ladies in long Victorian skirts and bonnets climbing up the multi-tonned blocks that make up this monumental structure. Tompkins also connects theories about the purpose and the builders of the Pyramid with theories about other ancient ruins such as Stonehenge and observational towers in old Ireland. Interspersed are stories and photographs of Egyptian ruins of temples, bas relief carvings, and hieroglyphics.

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