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Accomplished children's author Napoli has her finger on the pulse of what young people want to read, and Egypt, with its mummies, pharaohs, and pyramids, is a perennial favorite. Yet Egyptian mythology remains somewhat ignored, making the content of this book, while familiar, feel quite fresh. It begins with a brief introduction to the genesis of Egyptian culture and a primer on its glyphs and naming conventions. Creation stories and enmeshed tales of a panoply of gods are told in a highly stylized way. (An illustrated cast of characters in the back matter clarifies the confusing litany of deities.) Balit's Egyptian-styled illustrations are spectacular and given a proper sandstone-and-tile border. Egyptian mythology is not nearly as common as its Greek and Roman counterparts, but is every bit as engaging, lyrical, and reflective of the cultural beliefs of the civilization in which it finds its origins. This hefty compendium should offer something new for the most ardent mythology fans. Grades 5-8. --Erin Anderson

Review

Named a 2014 Notable Children's Book by the Association for Library Service to Children

"Sumptuous of format, magisterial of content, stimulating for heart and mind both." --*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Mythological beings emerge as fully formed characters through equally powerful storytelling and images." --*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"In this exemplary book of folklore, Napoli introduces young readers to Egyptian mythology with vivid language and illustration and anchors the tales in intriguing and research-supported interpretation." -- Association for Library Service to Children

"Resplendent illustrations heighten reader interest in the Egyptian mythological creation stories contained in this oversized anthology." --Library Media Connection

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