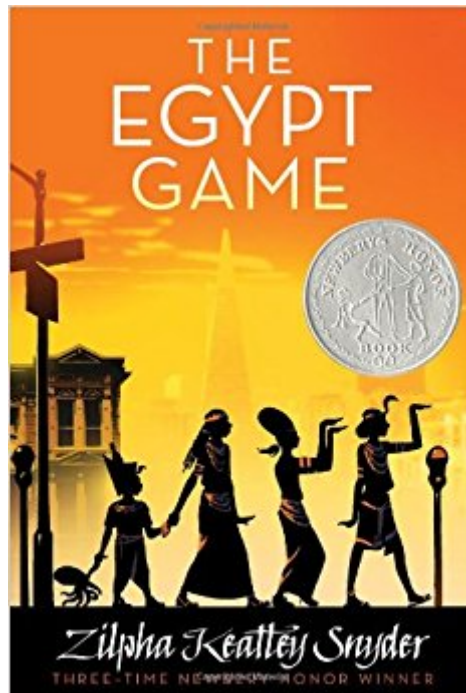


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# The Egypt Game



## Synopsis

The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Before long there are six Egyptians, and they all meet to wear costumes, hold ceremonies, and work on their secret code. Everyone thinks it's just a game until strange things start happening. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Two girls get involved in an elaborate "Egypt game," a fantasy game that soon leads to strange, unexplainable happenings. PW called the characters in Snyder's Newbery Honor winner "true originals." Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Tailor-made for children who love the thought of rambling mansions, garden mazes, and hidden treasure." -- "Booklist"  
"An increasingly captivating story, which builds to a risky and daring climax."  
-- "Kirkus Reviews"

I can't remember how old I was when I first read this book, but having always been a fan of ancient Egypt, I knew from the start I'd enjoy it. The first of our main characters, April, who's also quite interested in historical peoples, starts off feeling bitter and dejected because her semi-famous mother has sent her to live with a grandmother she barely knows, but that quickly changes when she meets Melanie. Melanie is just as imaginative as April, so the two quickly form a bond, and along with Melanie's little brother Marshall, eventually stumble upon a decrepit, empty lot behind a local store. Their new game only includes the three of them at first, then slowly expands to include Elizabeth, the new girl in their apartment building, and Toby and Ken, a couple of popular wise-crackers from their school. As the mystery and intrigue of the Egypt Game grows, so does the danger in their town, though exactly what happens, I'll leave a mystery. Suffice it to say the gang may just be in over their heads.

The one of two novels that first got me hooked on the mystery genre when I was still in elementary school. It's cute, and quick (at least now, a decade later). It also is what fed my interest into ancient civilizations and writing in general. It has a dear place in my heart and never disappoints the child inside of me. Would recommend to parents looking for something their children can read.

This book was a childhood favorite of mine, so I was thrilled when I bought it for my own son and he liked it just as much as I had!

Zilpha Keatley Snyder is an exceptional author. I bought this book for my nephew who had become fascinated with ancient Egyptian culture. I remembered reading this book when I was approximately his age. I became a fan of hers through the Below the Root series. Her writing captured my interest and I recommend any of her works to those who are interested in adventure / fantasy books. She is truly a great author.

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It was a fascinating book. It had a very slow start that bored me but then after awhile you really start to care for the characters. There's a surprising twist that turns the novel from 4 friends starting a new game to a suspense filling mystery novel that makes you want to keep on reading. I don't want to spoil the ending but I suggest taking a look at the Egypt game.

My 10-year old son was reading this book with his reading group at school. I purchased the Kindle version so that we could still read it at home if he forgot the paperback at school. I really enjoyed reading this story with him. I loved Nancy Drew mysteries when I was his age, so it was cool to see him enjoy the suspense/mystery of this story.

This a very good story for 3rd - 6th graders. There are lots of opportunities for teachers to incorporate literature and social studies.

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