Fun with Hieroglyphs by Catharine Roehrig

Excellent Fun, Excellent Learning

Discover the secrets of hieroglyphs, the language of the ancient Egyptians, with this innovative kit from The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Learn the sounds and letters of the hieroglyphic alphabet, find out which symbols were thought to have magical powers, and read how this mysterious language was decoded after hundreds of years. Then, with the alphabet chart as your guide, use the 24 hieroglyphic stamps and ink pad to write messages, create designs, and make cards.

Features:
* ISBN13: 9781416961147
* Condition: USED - VERY GOOD
* Notes:

Personal Review: Fun with Hieroglyphs by Catharine Roehrig
As I write this, my fingers are still stained with the ink from making my own hieroglyphs with the stamps that come with this set.

Although it may seem that a set of rubber stamps may be geared more for children than adults, there is a lot for adults to enjoy about this brief overview of ancient Egyptian writing.

In addition to showing how Hieroglyphs relate to sounds and can be used to represent modern English words, the book gives a primer on ancient hieroglyphic writing. I learned a lot that I didn't know, and I would have considered myself an "interested amateur" before reading this book.
The text is written in an easy to understand manner than is entertaining and informative. The section on writing your own hieroglyphs puts you well on the way to interpreting them yourself, although the book doesn't get into the specifics of ancient Egyptian. It is possible to sound out what the words might be, but that gives you no clue to their meaning, but what can you really expect from a book that's called "Fun with Hieroglyphs?" It's not a textbook! It's FUN!

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