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**From the team that brought you *The 39 Clues* and *Spirit Animals* comes book 3 in an epic adventure filled with the magic of ancient Egypt!**

The adventure continues in Book 3!

If Alex and Ren are going to stop the Death Walkers, they know they have to find the powerful Lost Spells. So they head to the Valley of Kings, deep in the Egyptian desert-where they discover that Egypt is in the grips of madness. Voices in the air whisper dark secrets and flashes of light burn across the night sky.

But their hunt for the Spells keeps getting sabotaged. Every step they take, The Order is hot on their trail. There's no dodging, no hiding. Is someone leaking their secrets?

Is there anyone they can trust?

In the tradition of *The 39 Clues* and *Spirit Animals*, the TombQuest adventure continues online, with an epic game! Build an Egyptian tomb of your own, hide treasure and protect it with traps, then challenge your friends to play through!

## Valley of Kings Details

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## From Reader Review Valley of Kings for online ebook

**david y biblioflick says**

So after the revelation at the end of the second book, Alex and his friends are finding the Book of the Dead that sent them to Egypt with a Death Walker and the Order at their tail. The Order that knows every step they would take.

This book have a lot of actions, and we gotta to meet a new mummy - *a friendly one* plus the cat will return. Meanwhile Todtman are seeking the possible HQ of the Order.

This is book is too young to me, the problems are a little bit simple comparing to the YAs (which is also under the mythology genre) or rather a little bit similar... but the blisters *\*yuck\** (still remembers a scene from the Monument 14. And the traitor, after books and books that have jaw-dropping revelations, the identity is too easy to decipher. Plus there the books in the series are almost the same in their outline hoping the next one will be more exciting and suprising. But probably Rick Riordan fans, especially his The Kanes and the House of Life, I mean the **Kane Chronicles** (*hopefully it will also be redesigned since the other two series, HoO is a spin-off, is Character and the gods of.../olympians*). And children who likes mythology and magic would surely love this.

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**Thomas Norstein says**

Whoa.

I actually kind of liked this one.

First, a quick summary. Alex Sennefer was on the brink of death when his mother, in a last attempt, used the Lost Spells to bring him back to life. Though she was successful, the Lost Spells also brought back some... unwanted guests. Now, the Death Walkers threaten humanity and an evil organization known as The Order is on the loose. Alex's mother disappears without a trace, and it's up to Alex to bring his mom back.

*End the summary.*

Which, well... has no real purpose.

(view spoiler)

Ren isn't much better her self.

(view spoiler)

Now... enough on the characters.

This book had waaay more action than the last two. And a betrayal! Betrayals are always fun.

(view spoiler)

Overall, this book was okay. Massive improvement from book 1 and 2 though.

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## **Venus says**

Review originally posted on Children's Atheneum

I have said this before and I will say it again, Michael Northrop knows how to write a good action adventure tale. Leaving off from book two, I was thankful for a little bit of backstory as it had been a little while since I read the first two in the series. It didn't take me long to catch on though. At its heart, this really is pure unadulterated adventure, but Northrop doesn't skimp on character development either. Alex, who has been ill most of his life, is really beginning to enjoy his newfound health and is relishing every moment of it. Ren struggles greatly with how to use her Talisman as she has always resisted magic, leaning more heavily on logic. The idea that there is magic and she can use it really bothers her, unlike Alex and Todtman who have embraced it fully.

As an avid Egyptology enthusiast, I loved that they were now in Egypt and especially loved the Valley of the Kings. In fact, it got me so excited about it again that I have watched a couple of documentaries again regarding the subject, but I just love it so much.

These books are perfect for the adventure lover and anyone obsessed with Ancient Egypt.

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### **Lupita Rodriguez says**

Una novela que disfrutarán los pequeños de entre 9 y 12 años , llena de aventura, lugares increíbles y personajes históricos sorprendentes.

El libro es exactamente lo que promete una historia de aventuras arqueológicas para niños que gustan del misterio, las momias y egipto, creo que el autor maneja muy bien el tema principal, lo único que no me creo es la edad que tienen los personajes (12 años) pues sus aventuras y actitudes muestran mayor madurez, sin embargo no es verdad que eso ocurre en todas las pelis y libros de aventura ? Los héroes tienen habilidades increíbles y pueden hacer mil cosas jajaja . No obstante la historia es interesante te describe lugares históricos de manera fascinante (casi te sientes ahí) y todos los datos sobre el antiguo Egipto te adentran y te hacen sentir parte de la aventura de Alex y Ren

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### **Angela says**

Story continues to ramp up. I like the magical aspects of the story and the Egyptian setting is interesting. The tension/suspense is high and the idea of a traitor heightens the drama and keeps you guessing.

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### **Cindy Roa says**

I am loving the way these series are getting more and more complex, this book is my favorite one by far! I keep thinking Ren's my favorite character, and I can't wait to see what's next for her and Alex!!

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### **Ms. Yingling says**

E ARC from Edelweiss Above the Treeline

In the beginning of this series, Alex's mother, Professor Bauer, uses the Lost Spells to bring him back from the brink of death, setting free the Death Walkers and unleashing ancient evil against the world. With his cousin, Luke, and his best friend, Ren, Alex has had to fight against the Death Walkers and try to stop the encroaching evil. In this latest installment, The three end up in Cairo with Dr. Todtman, because Alex's mother was last seen in Luxor. Once in Cairo, the group ends up at a safe house, after being chased and their bags stolen. Of course, the house isn't safe, and after being sold out by Mr. Hesaan at the museum, the kids take off on the train to Luxor to find the Book of the Dead, which they think Dr. Bauer has hidden in one of the tombs. Dr. Todtman stays behind, so Alex, Luke and Ren have to fend off poisoning attempts, Peshwar, and Death Walkers on their own. They decide to camp in the Valley of the Kings because staying in a hotel would alert the Death Walkers, but the Valley is unnaturally hot, beset by rogue archaeologists taking advantage of the decreased security, and oddly, not the best place to camp! With help from an unexpected ally, the group manages to dispatch one more Death Walker, but are betrayed by one of their own. The adventure will continue for two more books.

The best part of this series is the description of museums and historical sites! I have never been to Cairo, but have talked to people who have, and it was great fun to read about the building, the crowds, and the general climate of Egypt. I especially loved being able to camp out in the Valley of the Kings, although even more detail would have been great.

The action is the other thing that makes this a fantastic series. There is just no good way to escape Death Walkers, so you know that there will not be many lulls or overly philosophical moments! All three children are adept at using their amulets and repelling attacks, although Ren seems to be a bit more in control of the magic of her amulet than the boys. And who doesn't like mummified cats who are thousands of years old, like Pai?

The ending of this was a cliffhanger, which just makes me want the next two books all the more! Readers of Riordan's Red Pyramid series, Rubalacaba's The Wadjet Eye or the Scholastic Thirty Nine Clues or Infinity Ring series will find the Tombquest series to be an intensive trip to fight off evil in fascinating corners of the globe!

The other books in the series include:

#1 Book of the Dead

#2 Amulet Keepers

#4 Stone Warriors (1/5/16)

#5 Final Kingdom (3/29/16)

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### **Melissapalmer404 says**

Book #111 Read in 2015

Tombquest: Valley of the Kings by Michael Northrop (YA)

This is the third book in a middle grade paranormal/mystery series. Alex is trying to find his mother as well as dealing with Death Walkers....Egyptian Gods who are coming back to life. "The Order" is trying to use the Death Walkers to bring evil into the world. Alex, with help from his friend Ren and his cousin Luke, are trying to stop the order. These books are quick reads packed with lots of actions and both male and female students in middle grades would enjoy these books.

<http://melissasbookpicks.blogspot.com>

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### **Juan Manuel Sarmiento says**

El final termina con un cliffhanger a la altura de la saga que sólo hace que quieras leer la continuación cuanto antes.

Si sois fans de la trilogía de La Pirámide Roja, de Rick Riordan, la saga de Tombquest puede ser un intenso viaje para vosotros en los que descubrir nuevos y fascinantes lugares del mundo.

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### **Denise says**

Entertaining and a bit dark.

## Sabrina says

### Inhalt:

Nachdem die Suche nach seiner Mutter in London erfolglos verlief, folgen Alex, Ren und Luc einer neuen Spur. Dieses Mal verschlägt sie die Reise ins Tal der Könige mitten in der ägyptischen Wüste. Doch auch dort lauern finstere Gestalten auf sie und sind ihnen dicht auf den Fersen. Aber nicht nur ein weiteres Abenteuer und Unmengen an Gefahren wartet auf die Drei, sondern auch unerwartete Hilfe. Langsam kommen Alex und Ren aber auch erste Zweifel, denn ihre Verfolger sind ihnen meist einen Schritt voraus, als wüssten sie schon längst wo sie dieses Mal auf die Freunde treffen würden. Gibt es ein Verräter unter ihnen oder sind die magischen Kräfte doch stärker als sie vermutet haben?

### Meine Meinung:

Seit dem ersten Band fiebere ich total den Fortsetzungen entgegen und wurde bisher nie enttäuscht. Auch dieses Mal hat sich Autor Michael Northrop so einiges einfallen lassen um den Hörer ordentlich auf die Folter zu spannen.

Actionreich, mysteriös und mega spannend beginnt das dritte Abenteuer von Alex, Luke und Ren, die gemeinsam in Ägypten der Spuren seiner Mutter folgen und gegen das gespenstische Böse ankämpfen.

Die Entwicklung von Alex und auch Ren ist wirklich klasse gestaltet. Nur Häppchenweise und dennoch sehr authentisch wachsen sie an ihren Herausforderungen und lernen sich und ihre Fähigkeiten besser kennen.

Die Schauorte wirken wie gemalt und man kommt sich beim Lauschen der Geschichte so vor, als sei man gerade selbst vor Ort und erlebe das Gehörte. Wie zuvor spart auch hier der Autor nicht an einer ordentlichen Portion Spannung und lässt den Hörer das ein oder andere Mal vor Anspannung fast umkommen.

Die alte Geschichte der Pharaonen und von Ägypten ist wieder wunderbar in die moderne Handlung eingebaut. Man erfährt sehr viel über das damalige Leben und deren Religion. Man bekommt neben der spannenden Handlung einiges an Wissen vermittelt und kann sich sehr gut in das Geschehen und dessen Ursprung hineinversetzen.

Auch hier baut man auf alt bekanntes und mit dem Sprecher Johannes Raspe bekommt das Hörbuch ordentlich Leben eingehaucht. Störte mich beim zweiten Band eher die Sprecherstimme, so war es hier wieder erwartend anders. Johannes Raspe ist in Höchstform und vermittelt dem Hörer das Hörbuch in einer greifbaren und stimmungsgewaltigen bilderbuchähnlichen Form. So wird es wahrhaftig zu einem einzigartigen Hörerlebnis.

Das Cover sieht seinen Vorgängern sehr ähnlich. Die Abbildungen und Zeichen bauen auf den mythologischen Hintergrund auf und geben eine Vorschau darauf, was den Hörer erwarten wird.

### Fazit:

Der dritte Band hat mich wieder einmal total umgehauen. Erneut wird mit viel Spannung eine actionreiche Geschichte rund um Alex und Ren erzählt, aber auch das alten Ägyptens kommt absolut nicht zu kurz. Und so kann ich nur sagen, dass diese Reihe absolut hörenswert ist, gerade deshalb, weil sie mit vielen Informationen, einem sehr bildlichen Erzählstil und einer gelungenen Sprecherstimme ausgestattet ist!

## Yukimaru Hatake says

Ya empecé el siguiente, a pesar de ser una historia sencilla, enganchar.

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## Gözde Ye?ilsefa says

Açıkçası serinin ilk iki kitabını bayıla bayıla okumamıştım. Ancak son zamanlarda nedense hep bu seri aklımdaydı. Bir önceki yorumları okuduğumda da kitaplar elime geçmezse seriye devam etmeyi düşünmediğimi yazmıştım. Niye bilmiyorum ama serinin 3. ve 4. kitabını da almıştım. Kitabı sevdim, çok kötü değildi. Sona doğru gelen olaylar ve aksiyonun dozu baya okutturdu kendini. Yine de çok tahmin edilebilirdi. İlk olarak font büyüklüğü gözlerimi kanattı. Tamam anladık çocuk kitabı ama çocuklarda görme zorluğu yoktur sevgili yayınevi. Ayrıca sevgili Doğan Egmont sayfa 91’de “dört kişi” yazıyor ama aslında onlar 3 kişidir. Çevirmen hadi hata yaptı ya editör? Üstelik aynı sayfada üç diye devam ediyor cümle sonra Todtman’ın onları tek başına Krallar Vadisi’ne yollamasını aklımdan almadı. Tek başına daha tehlikeli izleri takip ediyor desek bile olmuyor yani. Izzie denen mahlukata gelecek olursak Mısır’daki eserleri çalıp üstüne onları kurtarıyoruz demesi sinirlendirdi. Eserler kendi ülkelerinde kalmalı gerekiyorsa da orada kurtarılmalı. Sonra çocukların taksitlerini çalıp gitmelerine ne demeli? Alex’in anne takıntısı bu kitapta başka bir boyut aldı, annesi de delirtti. Gel bir oğlunu sağıklı mutlu gör de il mi yani. Ama yok illa saklanacak. Üstelik 7 gün önce kadın Krallar Vadisi’ndeymi. Alex’in dadesinin adı ile neden hareket ediyor bilinmez ama Alex’in annesini sevemiyorum. Ren’in kolyesini kullanmak istemeyişi de anlayamıyorum, zaten beceremiyordaymış. İnsan en azından kolye ile kendini savunmayı öğrenir, sonra tamam yine kullanma. Son anda artık geçitler açabildiği kısmında “you go girl” diye bağırdım. Kolyesini kullanmaması çok canımı sıkıyor çünkü. Örgüt liderine gelecek olursak korkutucu bir adamdı yani onu sevdim. Hedefleri olan kötü insanlar seviyorum. Tutankhamun nasıldılar? O kısmı biraz daha açklayabilirdi ama adam hemen kaçtı yani. Neyseki geri döndü. Hain rahip kalbini almış, canını Tut geçememişi diğer tarafa. Alex’lere de baya yardım etti. Bu arada Luke’un hain olacağı çok belliydi çünkü Ren beya Todtman hain olamazdı. Luke öldü sanırdım, yani kan man okudum kurtulduysa örgütün vay haline. Bir hain gerekli miydi? Her hikayede oluyor Percy’de de vardı (spoiler vermeyeceğim). O yüzden yazarın aslında doğru bir pattern’la gittiğini kesinlikle söyleyebilirim. 3 mü 2 mi çok kararsız kaldım ama 2 versem daha çok üzülecektim. O yüzden 3.

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## Anna Negron says

In this book I can see that the author really wants to connect with the reader. I believe that in the series "TombQuest" there is a pattern that I see come and go. This pattern is when Alex uses his amulet to help his friends. I read about how he overcomes challenges, meets new people, and how he will hopefully find his mother, save the lost spells, and stop the death walkers before it's too late. In the story I have read about how Alex and his friends will get even closer to stopping the death walkers.

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## Ryan Gerig says

There was virtually no explanation for certain events. Maybe they'll be explained in a later book, but the real problem is that I find that I don't particularly care why those events happened.

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