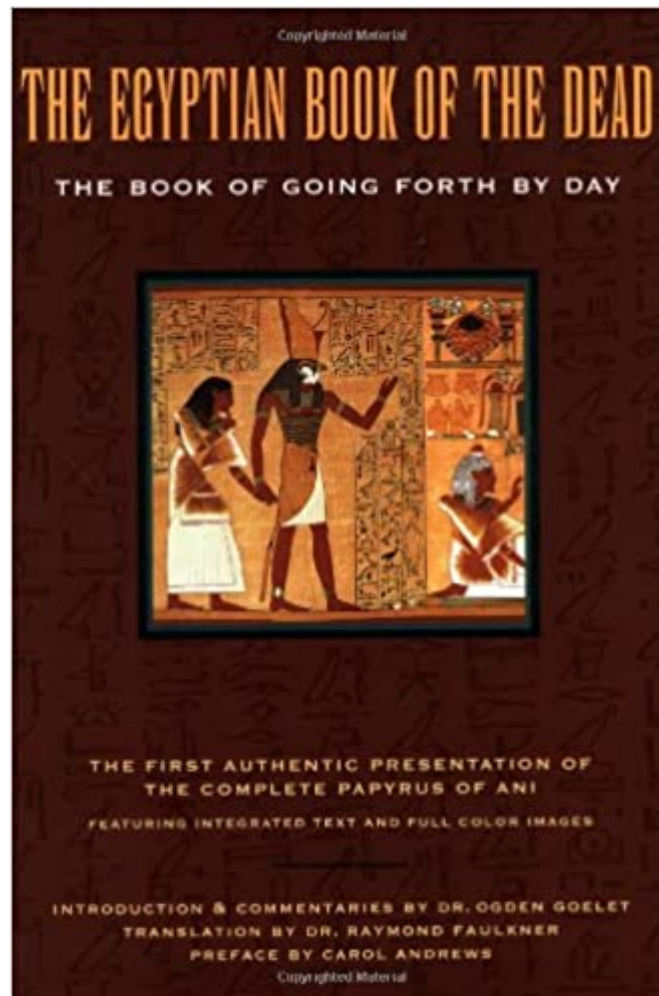


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translation based on that of R.O. Faulkner, which is considered in the opinion of many experts to be one of the best translations, and commentary by Ogden Goelet make this book a must for all libraries.

This book has a replica of one of the most famous scrolls of the dead. Long ago when Egyptians paid dearly for a scroll, a scribe purchased a highly detailed scroll of the dead that survived in a clay pot, found nearly two thousand years later. It is the best preserved scroll ever found to date and is reproduced and translated in this book that allows us to see the Egyptians "afterlife" beliefs and traditions. It is a fascinating piece of history I am grateful to have been able to read and study.

I bought the hardcover version, secondhand, and it is in pristine condition as the seller advised. Now, the book itself has fabulous pictures and texts that correlate - these create a window to the past and the future. The artistry of the papyrus is beautiful and knowing these were real people that lived thousands of years ago...amazing.

While this book is written so as to be useful to scholars, it's a wonderful book even if you aren't one. The reproductions of the original papyrus are beautiful in their own right, and the translation is quite poetic. Even if you don't understand all the obscure mythological or cultural references (and who does?), it's fascinating reading/looking. It makes a great coffee table book, which is a good thing considering that it's too tall to fit in many bookshelves. As I understand it, this translation is far superior to the older ones, in a wonderful presentation, save that such a large and lavishly illustrated book really ought to have been published in hardcover. Most of the chapters are actually meant as spells to be recited by the spirit of the deceased, enabling it to pass through the dangerous parts of the underworld to become immortal, and then revisit the world of the living in spirit form (i.e. "go forth by day"). It's worth reading even the more scholarly non-illustrated sections of the book derived from other versions of the papyrus; there are some real hidden gems back there, such as the existence of a Chapter For Remembering All The Other Chapters.

I love everything about Egyptian history. This book was a great addition to my collection.

The ancient Egyptian bible, everyone who could afford one was buried with one. This is a new version, and has English translations on each page with color images. It is a guidebook for the deceased person to follow to find his way to the afterlife to live on forever. The Egyptians were not

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Anything about Egypt is something I must have! This is a huge book and filled with great knowledge.

Great book and came fast! Very big with much power inside!

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