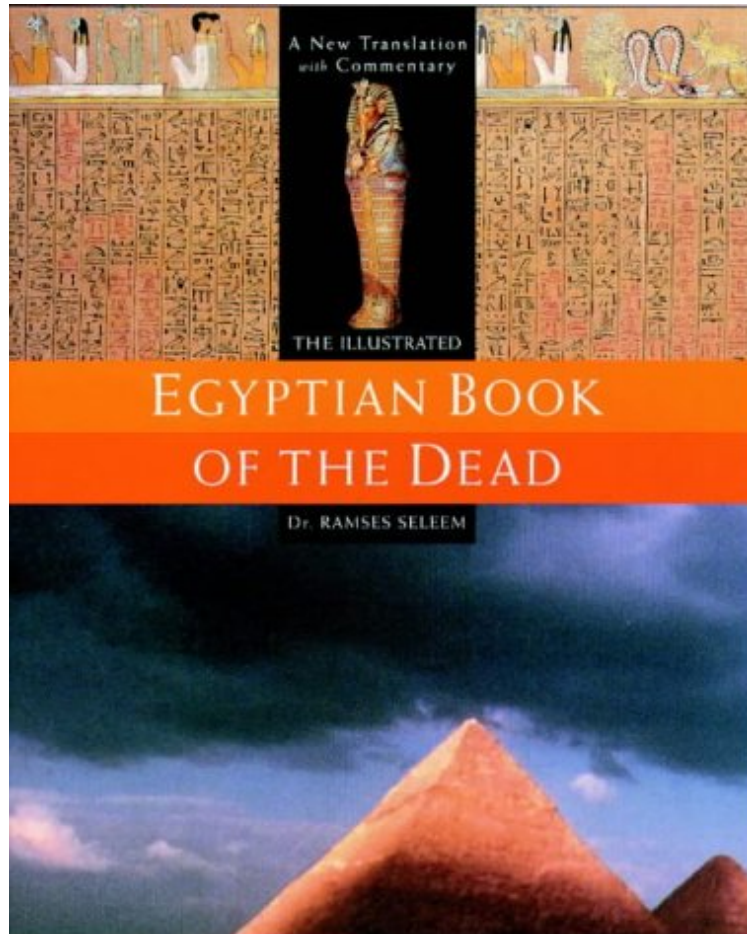


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two-fold mystery - the mystery of life and death and is meant to be read and re-enacted by the living to help them on this journey. In reality, therefore, the book of the dead is the Egyptian book of life - life now, life hereafter and life everlasting. Dr Seleem explains that a human being needs a map in order to travel both in this lifetime and beyond: 'How can you travel in life after death without knowing the way? The roads, ways, gates, hours, laws and guardians of life after death are explained in detail in the Book of the Dead and even though a copy is buried with the deceased, it is better to learn this divine knowledge by heart and live it in this lifetime.' Dr Seleem has produced a magnificent book, beautifully illustrated with many stunning illustrations from a 19th century edition of the papyrus. As a background to his translation, he has incorporated an impressive and revelatory account of the Egyptian religion, philosophy and mythology which he studied for over 25 years, which for itself, is a sufficient reason to buy the book. He has worked with the original texts and incorporated the symbolic meaning which they contain, often missed by earlier authors. It will serve scholars, people fascinated by this most ancient of traditions and anyone seeking to understand the mystery of life and death and the journey of the soul.

The Egyptian Book of the Dead is composed of rescensions, written to be performed and read by the living to assist themselves and the dead to be saved from utter loss on their journey to the netherworld. This book includes an introduction to Egyptian spiritual doctrines.

From Booklist The Egyptian Book of the Dead, originally titled The Book of Coming Forth by Day, was created to help the people of ancient Egypt prepare and survive in the afterlife. A copy of the book was buried with the recently deceased for guidance along an unfamiliar path. This new edition (Seleem is a writer, lecturer, and teacher of Egyptian culture and history who has been studying Egyptology for a quarter of a century) combines beautiful illustrations with clear text, opening a new world to contemporary readers. The author discusses and defines the historical and religious contexts of the ancient manuscript, making this new translation a very helpful introduction to the ancient Egyptian beliefs about death and the afterlife. It will provide a journey of enlightenment for all those interested in learning about new spiritual views toward life and death. Julia Glynn Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Language Notes Text: English (translation)