Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of
S.C.R.E.A.M: The Mummy’s Revenge
by Andrew Beasley

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Lovereading4kids members.

Sam Harper, age 11

This unputdownable mystery is stuffed full of witty jokes and fast-paced action. I need to get my hands on the next S.C.R.E.A.M. adventure now!

S.C.R.E.A.M., the special branch of the Metropolitan Police which investigates supernatural crimes, are called in when the ‘unwrapping’ of an ancient Egyptian mummy in Edinburgh goes horribly wrong and the mummy goes on the rampage. Billy Flint and Charley Steel are on the case but strange things start happening even as they are on their way to Edinburgh. Sinister warnings are left for them as they sleep on the train but they aren’t deterred and although these two investigators are very different, they make a brilliant team. Charley comes from a privileged background while Billy, with his talent for seeing supernatural traces, is the black sheep of his dodgy family of thieves. Once they reach Edinburgh they meet Sir Gordon, the mummy’s owner, and his strange collection of pets including a parrot called Queen Victoria.

As the mummy continues to cause chaos, a number of break-ins occur and Billy and Charley need to investigate each crime scene in order to piece together the clues. They are helped by Sir Gordon’s servant, Doogie, but there never seems to be any witnesses to the crimes. Will Billy and Charley be able to solve the case as well as catching the sinister Sandman before he collects all of the ingredients for his immortality potion? The team from S.C.R.E.A.M. have their work cut out for them.
This is a fantastic supernatural adventure. I loved the squawkings of Queen Victoria and Billy’s witty jokes. It was even better than Andrew Beasley’s Ben Kingdom series and my only complaint is that it wasn’t longer, I really didn’t want it to end. I can’t wait to get my hands on the next S.C.R.E.A.M. mystery!

Sue Wilsher

Supernatural crime fighters, Billy Flint and Charley Steel, head to Scotland to help Sir Gordon Balfour, who has unwittingly released a mummy into Edinburgh’s high society.

Leaving only a trail of sand and a few hieroglyphs behind him, the mummy robs the houses of the wealthy and Billy and Charley, who work for SCREAM (Supernatural Crimes, Rescues, Emergencies and Mysteries), must use all their skills to solve the mystery behind the mummy.

Charley and Billy are both strong characters in very different ways. Charley is a lady, but one determined to work, not wait to be married off. Billy belongs to a family of criminals; however, he works on the other side of the law, using his ability to sense ghosts and spirits to help solve crime. The rapport between the rough and ready Billy and the intelligent, determined Charley is captured perfectly and they complement each other’s talents, making them a convincing team.

There are plenty of clues scattered throughout the story to help the reader to solve the mystery. The book works well as a detective story, but with the added interest of the spirit world.

Andrew Beasley has created a series which will no doubt capture and hold the interest of readers looking for mystery and excitement!

Harry, age 10 - Blenheim primary School

I liked it because it was exciting and you can’t put it down.

I liked this book because it is funny and it is a mystery and it is all about killing the mummy

Emma, age 11

I love the tension in this book. It makes you feel as though you are there beside Billy and Charley solving the mummy mystery!!!!!
I found this a really thrilling book but also quite hard to get into in the first chapter or so. But once I’d actually got into the book it was so good and I actually felt as though I was in the book solving mysteries with Billy and Charley. My favourite character is Charley because even though she is in a wheel chair she has such courage and determination, that I feel for her not being able to do all the things that Billy can do but she still does it. Billy tries to be careful with her but she doesn’t like it. Billy’s nickname for Charley is duchess. The tension that has been set in the sand temple is amazing and there these two detectives face an almighty shock when they realise who is stirring up the trouble about the mummy!

Toby Little, age 9

The book describes everything just right, so you can picture everything in your head really well. It was quite spooky, and there were bits I didn’t want to read just before going to bed.

S.C.R.E.A.M. – The Mummy’s Revenge is a spooky story by Andrew Beasley. It is about two children, a boy and a girl, who solve supernatural cases. If you’re wondering, S.C.R.E.A.M. stands for “Supernatural Crimes, Rescues, Emergencies And Mysteries”. The case in this book is about a mummy risen up from its tomb, and lots of robberies are happening. The mummy’s dream is to become immortal. S.C.R.E.A.M. is part of the London Police, and nobody is better at fighting supernatural crimes than them. The book is set around Victorian times, with gas lamps and stuff.

There are lots of supernatural, squishy, scary things happening. The book describes everything just right, so you can picture everything in your head really well. My personal favourite character was Charley. Charley is part of S.C.R.E.A.M. and an extraordinary scientist – she is really clever.

This book is a really good book, and I would recommend it to anybody who likes crime novels. It’s actually a series, and I would like to read the next one. I think the age range would be 9 to about 15, and there were bits I didn’t want to read just before going to bed.

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Bella, age 10

‘The Mummy’s Revenge’ is funny, scary and creepy all at the same time. It’s good fun to read and has a good ending.
I like the SCREAM police, they work with supernatural crimes. Charley is clever and Billy has special powers. In this book they work together to find out why jewels are being stolen by a mummy.

This book has some really funny bits my favourite was when they thought Sir Gordon was dead but then he farted.

This book is a mystery and it’s a bit like the Scooby Doo programmes. I liked it a lot.

Emily Golding, age 10

I really loved all the mystery in this book. Wow! The Sandman is out to steal hearts, rubies and more! Can Billy and Charley crack the case? It's exciting to find out if they do.

S.C.R.E.A.M agents Charley Steel and Billy Flint have yet another case on their hands and this time, its been around for 3000 years. A mummy is on the prowl (and not the one that tells you to clean your room!). Grabbing rubies and revenge, this mummy will not stop at anything to give all to his master. Find out what The Sandman wants with these jewels and other objects. Will Billy and Charley crack the case in time? It was very exciting finding out all about Billy and Charley's adventures in S.C.R.E.A.M. I read this book in three nights it was so good. Unveiling the Sandman had me gripped from start to finish.

Harsh Budhdeo, age 9

From the start to finish - very captivating and opens up a great ancient world!

I really enjoyed the book, Mummy's Revenge. From the very start, the author's words captured my imagination. Luckily, my topic at school is about the Egyptian era, and the book gave me a lot of insight to Ancient Egypt.

I liked how the author linked the people with Egyptian Gods, like Anubis the Jackal.

Billy was my favourite character because he had a sixth sense and he was a very clever cop. I also enjoyed the sandman's notes!

The author helped me picture the characters by using good descriptive vocabulary. I liked how he set the scene with adverbs kids could understand...like "inferno".

There was a lot of suspense especially when Billy got taken by the Sandman and
his assistants.

Yusuf S, age 9 - Brampton Primary School

*Great book, loved the plot line and the genre. Would recommend it to a lot of my friends.*

This is a very well thought out, scientific and supernatural book. All the characters were established and their characteristics were detailed. I couldn’t stop reading. At times it was unsettling but that was a thrilling feeling. The plot line was so complicated and historical, interwoven with humour and sarcasm. I would recommend this to children who like supernatural and fantasy books.

Matthew Kirk, age 11

*I have really enjoyed this book and it is a good read if you are into adventure style books. I give this 5/5 stars.*

On the winding streets of Edinburgh there is a mummy on the prowl robbing mansions and terrorizing any other threats. This is not the real problem though.

Nico Spahia, age 10

*I loved reading ‘S.C.R.E.A.M: The Mummy’s Revenge’ as there are many plot twists. I also enjoyed the suspense which leads into unexpected things happening!*

*S.C.R.E.A.M: The Mummy’s Revenge* is an exciting book about top secret investigators Billy Flint and Charley Steel aka Supernatural Crimes, Rescues, Emergencies and Mysteries also known as S.C.R.E.A.M. The two friends are trying to help people by stopping the terrorising evil forces at work.

The story is based on an evil mummy’s quest to take over the world. There are also other supernatural creatures that are getting in the investigators way while they tackle the mystery of the menacing Mummy.

I loved reading *S.C.R.E.A.M* as there are many plot twists and turns which are unexpected. I also enjoyed the suspense and the unusual emergencies that the rescuers come to face with.

I can’t wait to read about the next creepy case that occurs to the brave S.C.R.E.A.M crime-fighters!
Josh Parcell, age 9

This book was amazing full of action and suspense... The story is centred around Egyptian Magic and the "Sand man" who teleports people.

I loved it.

This book is about Billy Flint and Charlie Steel trying to uncover a creepy case about a mummy. This story goes into the depths of Egyptian Magic and the mummy trying to be teleported by the Sand Man...

I thought this book was amazing and I recommend it for people who like suspense and adventure. I particularly liked it because there was a lot of action and it made me not want to put the book down!

Romilly Dally-Fitzsimons, age 10

You would love this book if you like stories like Ghostbumps! To be honest this book wasn’t really for me. Some of it was quite funny, but I think it would be really popular for children who like reading Ghostbumps and books about adventure.

Amina

I loved this fantasy and facts book it was suspending, Scary and funny. A mixture of types of writing read this book if you dare but watch out don’t get lost in it like I did an amazing book!!!!!!!!

I loved this book it was very original it was mixed with fantasy and facts. It has a very unexpected ending. It was a Egyptian type book I loved it was suspending and magical. It was also quite funny I’m sure everyone shall love this book and I hope more S.C.R.E.A.M books will come out with new themes e.g a circus theme!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ross O'Gorman

This author has succeeded in writing a detective story that is different from the many others out there. This detective agency's spooky mission is to solve supernatural crimes and mysteries.

The ancient mummy Sir Gordon Balfour has brought back from his expedition to Egypt has come to life and is stealing jewels from the wealthy people of Edinburgh. He is not working alone though. It is up to Billy Flint and Charley
Steel, who work for the supernatural crime fighting detective agency S.C.R.E.A.M, to unravel the mystery. Charley comes from a wealthy family while Billy is the only one in his family not involved in criminal activity, but their unique talents make them a formidable team. Charley is in a wheelchair but is incredibly brave and does not let it get in her way. This book is both scary and exciting with lots of twists and turns as the plot is revealed and ends with a gripping finale with Charley’s and Billy’s lives at stake. This book is perfect for those who love spooky detective tales, filled with adventure. I am really looking forward to reading about S.C.R.E.A.M's next case.