



# Sink the Armada!; The Finest Pharaoh of All!

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Two of eight historical 'faction' books which, the publisher claim, put the story back into history.

The author takes the Armada and Ancient Egypt, introduces real characters from those periods and adds fictional characters to weave narratives in an attempt to make the past more accessible and interesting to children. Ross is careful to explain this approach in each preface to avoid any confusion. The books also give useful historical background, a 'What happened next?' section and a time line putting the events into historical context.

These books may prove a useful resource for a teacher working with a group or class but the layout and illustrations are simply not lively enough to attract young would-be historians to pick them up off a shelf to study for themselves. Children will be far more attracted to the livelier, and more visually appealing 'Horrible Histories' series.

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