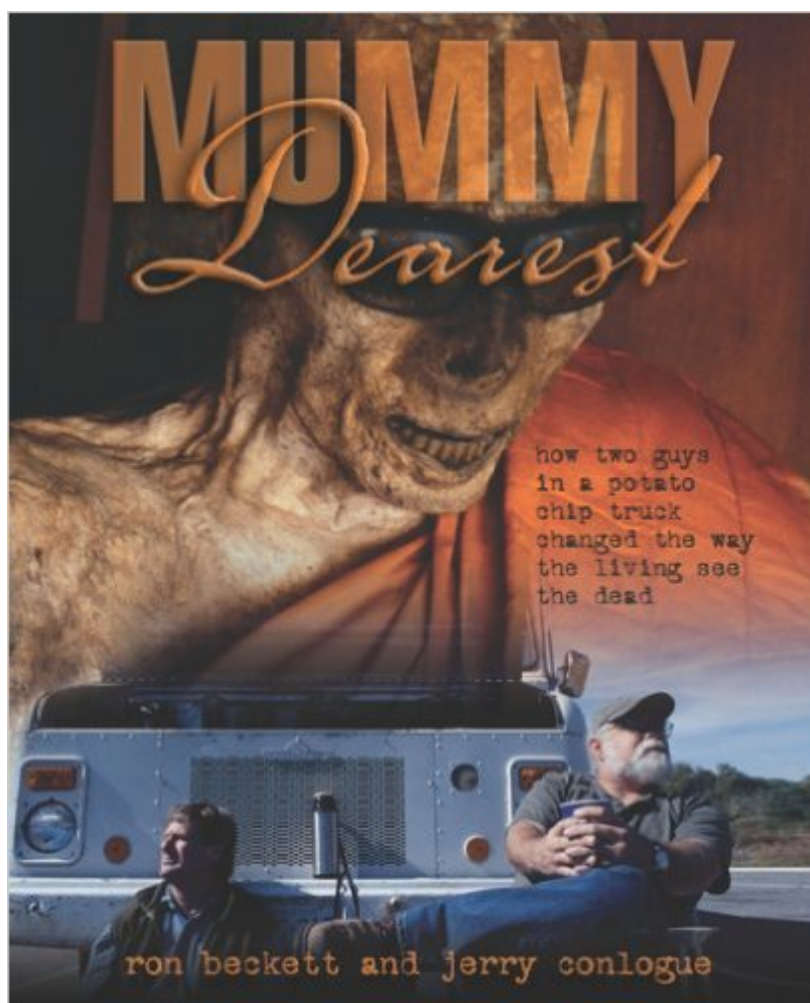


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Mummy Dearest: How Two Guys In A Potato Chip Truck Changed The Way The Living See The Dead



Synopsis

Ron Beckett and Jerry Conlogue, the unlikely hosts of the National Geographic Channel's popular *The Mummy Road Show*, recount their adventures both in front of the camera and behind the scenes as they travel the world in a converted Charles Chips delivery van. Beckett and Conlogue pioneered the combined use of radiography and endoscopy to unlock the mysteries of the world's most baffling mummies--and in the process breathed new life into an old science. Their work has led to startling discoveries and unique insights on how people throughout human history have lived and died, and how cultures related to living and dying. Abundantly illustrated and refreshingly informal and candid, *Mummy Dearest* includes features such as "Smile and Say Yeesh," which provides a new perspective on dental hygiene, "Diamonds are a Ghoul's Best Friend," an inventory of cool stuff looters left behind, and "Don't Try This at Home," a mummification how-to. *Mummy Dearest* moves easily from serious science to lighthearted fun and back, and ultimately serves as an entertaining travelogue of a surprising journey of discovery.

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I found this book to be a great read for the scientific person, but beware if you are squeamish. There is just the right combo of humor and science, and the book conveys these two guys' obvious passion and respect for what they do and the people they meet along the way. I laughed out loud in parts of this book and also had reactions such as "Ewww" out loud! I might be biased because I am a former student of Jerry's, but I still think it's a great book. Believe me, if I had not known Jerry at all I would've thought some of this book was embellished...however, to learn from Jerry and be in his

classes....let's just say I believe every word!

Reviewed by Lisa Kisner for Reader Views (10/06) This book details some of the adventures the authors had while filming "Mummy Road Show," which aired for several years on the National Geographic Channel. Using a nondestructive approach to study mummies, combining radiography and endoscopy, these men search for answers related to mysterious mummies around the world. "Mummy Dearest" discusses mummies found in different parts of the world. They perform research on mummies residing in a variety of places including in underground tombs, crypts under a church, in museums and in a high school outside Chicago. The authors tell the history of each mummy and how likely they arrived in their current state. The author's sincere appreciation of mummies and their desire to preserve and protect these treasures come through on every page. Details about the history and culture surrounding each mummy and the startling discoveries the authors find allows the reader to gain an understanding into how important this work is. The author's writing entices the reader to find out more about the world of mummies. I do wish, however, more color pictures were included. "Mummy Dearest" is a great book to learn about mummies as it is not overloaded in technical detail and very entertaining. I found this an easy read and no prior knowledge of mummies or science was needed. This book will delight readers who have any interest in history and/or mummies. I found this book fascinating and hard to put down. At the end of the last chapter I wanted more! Received book free of charge.

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