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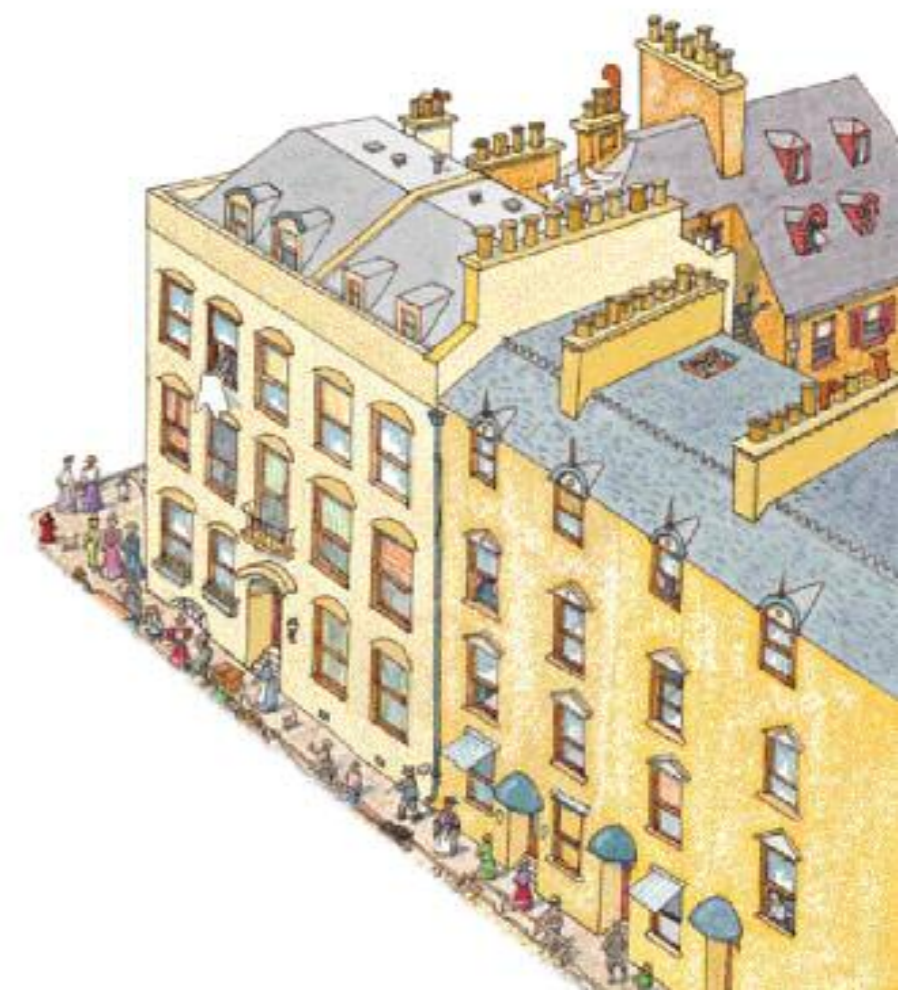
Introduction

This book takes you on an exciting journey into the past. You can find out what it was like to live in the days of Ancient Egypt or Rome. You can have fun exploring a castle or a galleon in their days of glory, dodge the bullets in the Wild West, or join the Titanic on its fateful



voyage. The illustrator has taken the walls off some of the buildings and ships to let you have a look inside them. You can see the Roman baths, the Great Hall of a castle, the lower decks of a galleon and many other fascinating places. Take a look in the index for a list of all the things there are to discover in this book.

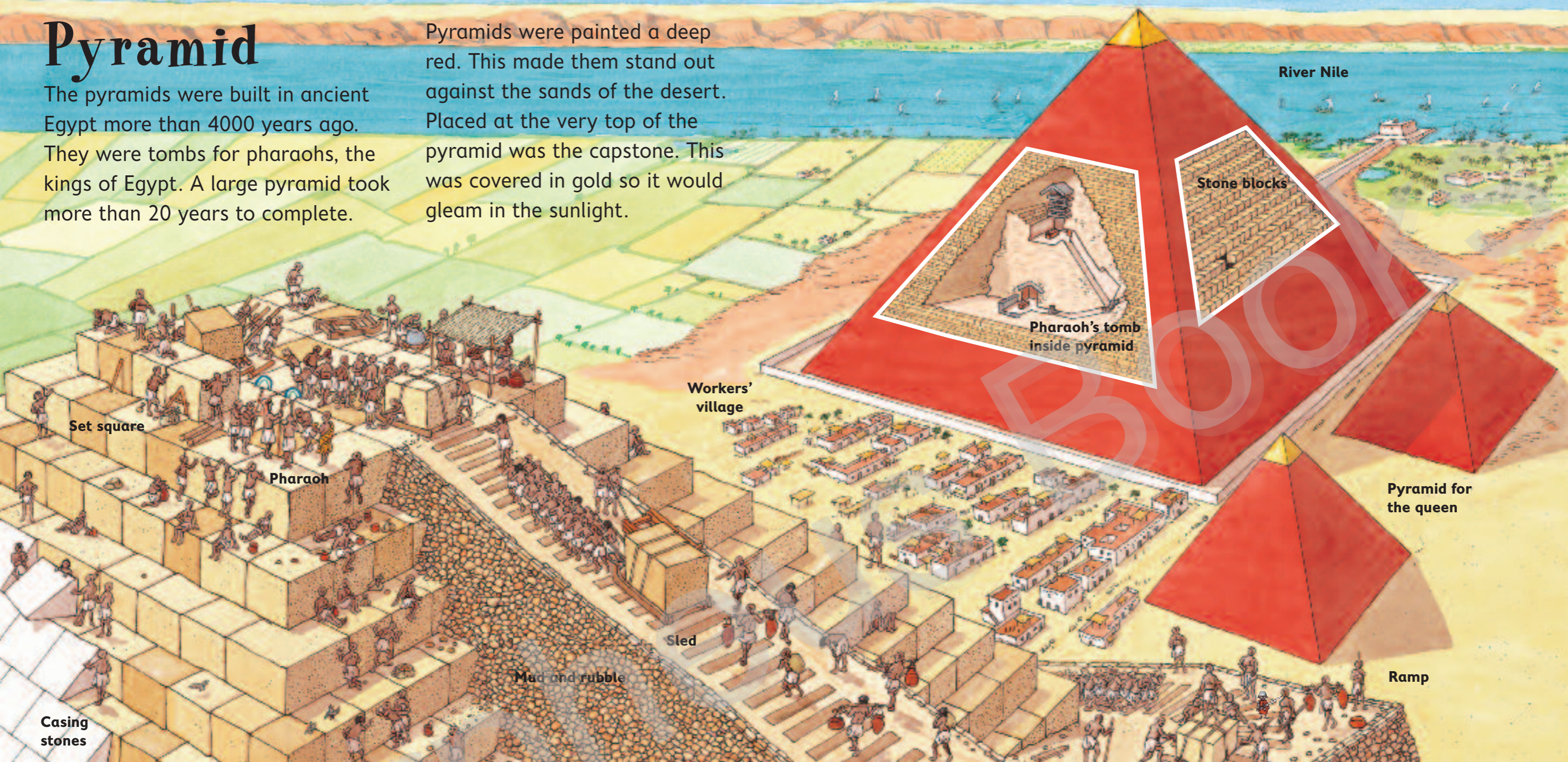
Look out for the boy with the sword. He is hidden in each scene ...



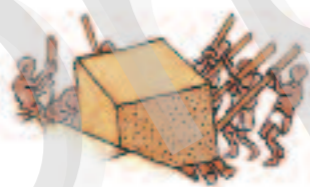
Pyramid

The pyramids were built in ancient Egypt more than 4000 years ago. They were tombs for pharaohs, the kings of Egypt. A large pyramid took more than 20 years to complete.

Pyramids were painted a deep red. This made them stand out against the sands of the desert. Placed at the very top of the pyramid was the capstone. This was covered in gold so it would gleam in the sunlight.



Teams of workers dragged huge blocks of stone on sleds up a steep ramp. The ramp, built of rubble, spiralled up the pyramid's sides.



Using wooden poles, the workers carefully levered the heavy blocks of stone off the sleds and into exactly the right position on the pyramid.

Casing stones made out of fine limestone were placed on the outside edges. This gave the pyramid a smooth outer surface.

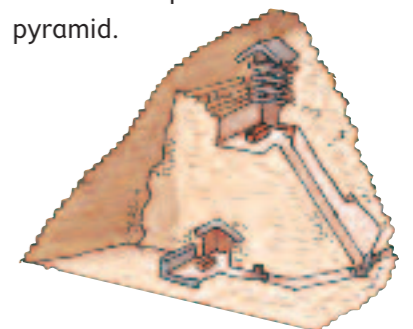


The workers used set squares to make sure all the stones were straight and level. They then used chisels to chip away the edges so they slotted together perfectly.



The pharaoh employed a huge workforce for the task. It consisted of as many as 100,000 men. The workers received lodging and food in return for their work.

The pharaoh's body was to rest in a stone coffin called a sarcophagus, placed in a chamber deep inside the pyramid.



Wild West

This is a town in the American West in the 1870s. Cowboys drove their cattle here from ranches across the plains. Then they loaded the cattle on to trains bound for the cities. Law and order was sometimes in short supply in what came to be known as the Wild West.



Cowboys would visit the local saloon bar for a drink. Trouble often followed. Fights would break out with cowboys readily reaching for their guns. The sheriff would try and restore order.



A sheriff was a law officer appointed by a county, much like a local policeman. He made sure that the townspeople did not break any rules and dealt with crimes such as fights and thefts.

Townpeople shopped at the dry goods store. Tools and medicine were sold here, fresh meat at the butcher's.



The cattle were driven into town by cowboys on horse-back. Trains stopped to pick up the cattle and take them east for sale in the big cities.

Stagecoaches travelled the dusty roads of the American West to pick up people and their luggage. The passengers were at risk from being ambushed by outlaws.



Lawless towns in the Wild West often attracted outlaws. Outlaws led a life of crime, often stealing cattle and robbing banks and trains for money and valuables.