



BOOK REVIEW

Winner Best Children's Book 2015

Abacadabra Tut

Ages 8 - 12

Author: Page McBrier

Review Rating: 5 out of 5

Fletcher Perry, a somewhat-nerdy middle school student and amateur magician is the unexpected recipient of an Egyptian coffin that was sold at an auction. Although he is ecstatic with the ancient object that he plans to use for his magic shows, the mysterious woman who purchased it left no instructions and no contact information on her business card, except for ISIS: Agent to the Stars. News of his acquisition spreads, and Arielle, the most popular girl in class, encourages him to have a magic show during the end-of-the-school-year dance. When she agrees to be his assistant, neither of them knows that the last trick when they get into the coffin will take them back in time during the reign of King Tut.

Award-winning author **Page McBrier** spins a fantastical adventure that is replete with the latest findings on Tutankhamun, better known as the Boy King. McBrier has created two unique dynamic characters who not only have to think back to what they learned in social studies class to survive, but also they learn a thing or two about themselves in the process. Even though Fletcher loves magic, he lacks confidence in his abilities. Arielle, on the other hand, is arrogant and rude. Aside of personalities, these protagonists need to become a team to get back home.

Written in third person, she keeps her narrative moving by aptly utilizing her literary skills through a delightful mix of comedy, constant brainstorming on the part of Fletcher and Arielle, and un-hackneyed twists and turns – all intertwined in rich Egyptian history.

McBrier keeps her tween readers engaged. **ABRACADABRA TUT**, is not only action-packed, but also a fun way to learn a bit of history.

~ *IndieReader*