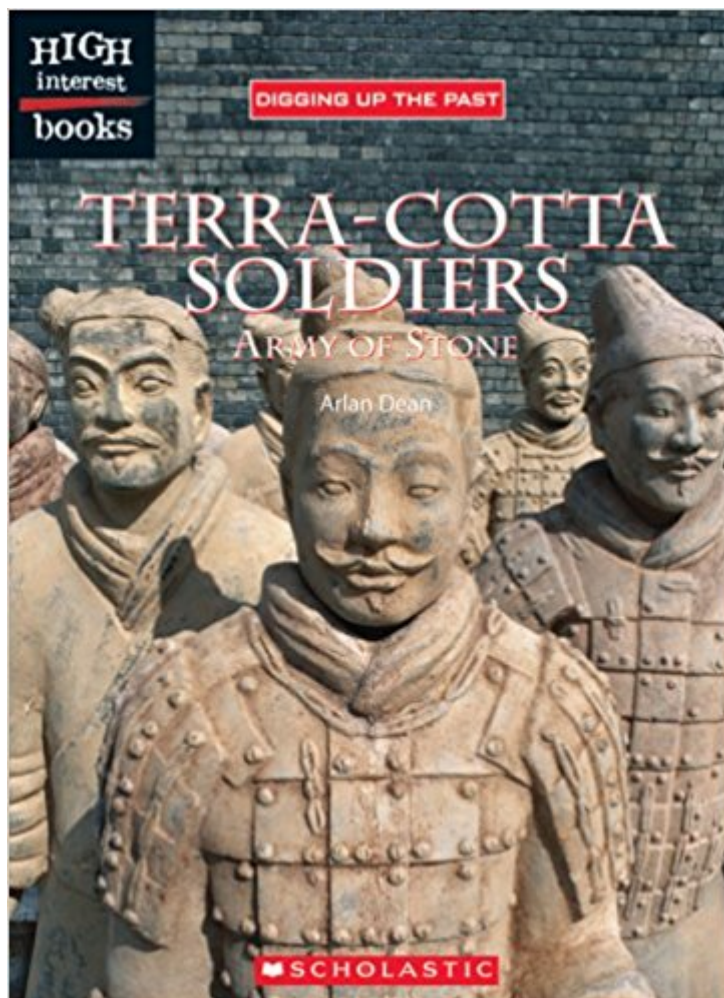




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# Terra-Cotta Soldiers: Army Of Stone (High Interest Books: Digging Up The Past)



## Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. Describes the archaeological discovery of thousands of life-sized terracotta warrior statues in northern China in 1974, and discusses the emperor who had them created and placed near his tomb. --This text refers to an alternate Library Binding edition.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5-8  
These hi/lo books will appeal to readers with an interest in ancient civilizations. Soldiers discusses ancient Chinese history, including the first emperor and his tomb, which was found to contain 8000 clay soldiers, made to protect him in his afterlife. Beliefs about life after death are explained. The author also discusses Qin Shi Huangdis role in creating the Great Wall. Kaplan describes the only one of the Seven Wonders of the World still existing and explains ancient beliefs about life after death. Reluctant readers will enjoy the gory details of how the deceaseds organs are removed during the mummy-making process. Both books are highly visual, with lots of photographs and illustrations, many in full color. Solid hits for general reading and reports.  
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Gr. 4-7. Digging Up the Past, a new subseries in the publisher's High Interest Books umbrella series for reluctant readers, includes this title on the 8,000 terra-cotta soldiers guarding the burial ground of third-century B.C.E. emperor Qin Shi Huangdi. Short chapters, with text sharing space with mostly snapshot-size photos and "Artifact" trivia boxes, shed light on how archaeologists ("history's detectives") study the site to learn more about ancient Chinese military strategy and Qin Shi Huangdi's reign. Some readers may find Dean's detailing of the contents of the 20-square-mile gravesite tiresome, but elsewhere the drama of history snaps into focus; he notes that the men who installed booby traps to deter grave robbers were executed "since they alone knew how to avoid the deadly arrows." Jane O'Connor's *The Emperor's Silent Army* (2002) may provide a more artful introduction to this topic, but reluctant readers at ease with the High Interest series format may want to start with this. A glossary and resources for further research conclude. Other titles cover Pompeii and the great pyramid at Giza. Jennifer Mattson

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I bought the book for an 8-year-old who likes history, but am glad I read it first. The fine print says this book is High-Interest Reading. It is probably aimed at junior high students who are still learning to read but who want the edgy facts. It does a good job of presenting information for that age group. However, this book includes some horrific aspects of Emperor Qin's reign and tomb that are inappropriate for a young reader. Instead, for them, I recommend the book on this topic in the All Aboard reading series, "Hidden Army: Clay Soldiers of Ancient China." The information is appropriate but still sophisticated enough.

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