

# DIG IT! ARCHAEOLOGY FOR KIDS — A NEW AUGMENTED REALITY READING (ARR) INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY

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CARY, NORTH CAROLINA, USA, February 9, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- DIG IT! takes young readers on a global tour of the field of archaeology, pausing along the way for glimpses into the past lives of people in ancient civilizations across the globe throughout time. Stops at famous and not-so-famous archaeological sites bring to life archaeology topics, methods, and rules by showing how they were used at each discovery. These edutaining, real-life examples are accompanied by beautiful visual spreads, many of which include QR-codes that readers can scan with a smartphone or tablet to watch drone fly-over videos of archaeological sites and demonstrations of dig techniques.

This new immersive, interactive experience has become the hallmark of Persnickety Press books and merges technology with traditional reading, providing kids, parents, and educators with new Augmented Reality Reading (ARR) experiences that inspire and engage.

DIG IT! takes readers on an archaeological journey with an itinerary that has them experience the steps of archaeology — finding a site, excavation, lab work, interpretation, and conservation — as well as learn about the different types of archaeologists. Bonus topics include linkages to the fields of history and art history, household archaeology, artifact museum ownership, and the impact of climate on artifacts.

DIG IT! aims to inspire young minds to dig deeper into archaeology through at-home activities, guides, and career paths. Kids and teens will also build critical thinking skills through artifact



DIG IT! Book Cover

interpretation to apply to their own lives. Through the pressing artifact ownership issue and exploring cultural heritage through sites, kids will gain a better understanding of the world on a larger scale.

Educators and home schoolers can download the official [DIG IT! Educational Guide](#) here.

#### About the Author:

Caitlin Sockin is an author and Assistant Publisher at Wundermill (Cornell Lab Publishing Group and Persnickety Press). Caitlin holds dual degrees in Archaeology and Classics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her interest in archaeology and classics began at a very young age, with her first museum visits and fascination with Egyptian pharaohs and deities. She created DIG IT! to inspire kids to explore ancient history as it relates to their own lives and potentially pursue archaeological interests as a hobby or career.

#### About the Contributors:

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How do you get children to enthusiastically read nonfiction books about dusty relics of the past? Ask Caitlin Sockin, because in DIG IT! she has cracked the code.”

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including the hidden histories of the animals that live closest to us all including pets, livestock, and 'vermin.'

About Persnickety Press/WunderMill Books ([WunderMillBooks.com](http://WunderMillBooks.com)):

**EDUCATIONAL GUIDE TO DIG IT! ARCHAEOLOGY FOR KIDS**

**ABOUT THE BOOK**

*Dig It!* Archaeology for Kids takes readers on a journey through time and around the globe. Throughout *Dig It!*, students will visit **groundbreaking and famous archaeological sites and discoveries**, from the temples of Machu Picchu high in the mountains of Peru, to the preserved volcanic ash ruins of Pompeii in Italy, to the buried terracotta warriors of China, to the shipwrecked Titanic sunk beneath the ocean waves. Student will explore **the stories and history** that archaeological finds tell us about ancient civilizations and real human lives. They will also **discover technologies** for revealing the secrets of what archaeologists find, from the distant and not so distant past.

Through spectacular photos and engaging text to inspire student's own discovery, they will learn **five steps of archaeology: site discovery, excavation, lab work, interpretation, and conservation.** *Dig It!* also includes many QR codes for **links to videos** that let students experience being right where archaeologists have discovered and are making new discoveries. **Fun hands-on activities** in the book, like creating a time capsule, or baking a special layer cake to understand stratigraphy (earth layering), help students connect with how archaeologists dig into the past and consider artifacts in the context of history.

*Dig It!* will be a multifaceted and lasting resource for **student research and writing projects.** This book will expand students' understanding of cultures and events that shaped our world.

*Dig It!* also **spotlights varied careers** including archaeologist, computer scientist, and educator, and how archaeology professionals **combine exploration, technology, and creativity** in their work.

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