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General information	
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Additional information

Translation	Polish: *Moneta Kleopatry*, trans. Zuzanna Ferenc-Warchałowska, Kielce: Wydawnictwo Jedność, 2008.
Summary	The book is part of the series *Stories of Great People*. The narration starts when Digby Platt and her sister Hannah Platt approach Mr. Rummage's stand. They find an old coin in a pile of old items. Mr. Rummage asks the children if they know whose face is on the coin. The children don't know so Mr. Rummage begins to tell them the story of Cleopatra VII. He talks about the origins of the coin, where the queen's dynasty came from and how big her family was. In addition, the shopkeeper tells the children about the culture of Hellenistic Egypt (Egyptian religion, the appearance of Alexandria and the royal amusements). He then mentions the two warriors who were close to Cleopatra – Julius Caesar and Marcus Antonius. In Mr. Rummage's story, there is also a place for the Battle of Actium. The story ends with the death of Cleopatra. The book is additionally provided with separate pages with interesting facts about the queen (the legends/myths about life and character of Cleopatra are either confirmed or disproved).
Analysis	The book tells about the life of Cleopatra VII in a very accessible way. During the continuous narration of Mr. Rummage, Digby and Hannah are asking questions that could come to the mind of a young reader as well. Thanks to the straightforward plot based on facts, children learn about the Egyptian queen and related historical events. In addition to Cleopatra's story, the young reader is able to discover ancient art and culture through numerous annotations with pictures, engravings, and frescoes from various historical periods. This makes the book and the story rich in a wide range of issues related to the life of Cleopatra, the events surrounding her, and the myths that grew around her.
Classical, Mythological, Traditional Motifs, Characters, and	Caesar Cleopatra VII Egypt Hellenistic Egypt Mark Antony Octavian Rome

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Concepts

Other Motifs, Figures, and Concepts Relevant for Children and Youth Culture

Historical figures Learning

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