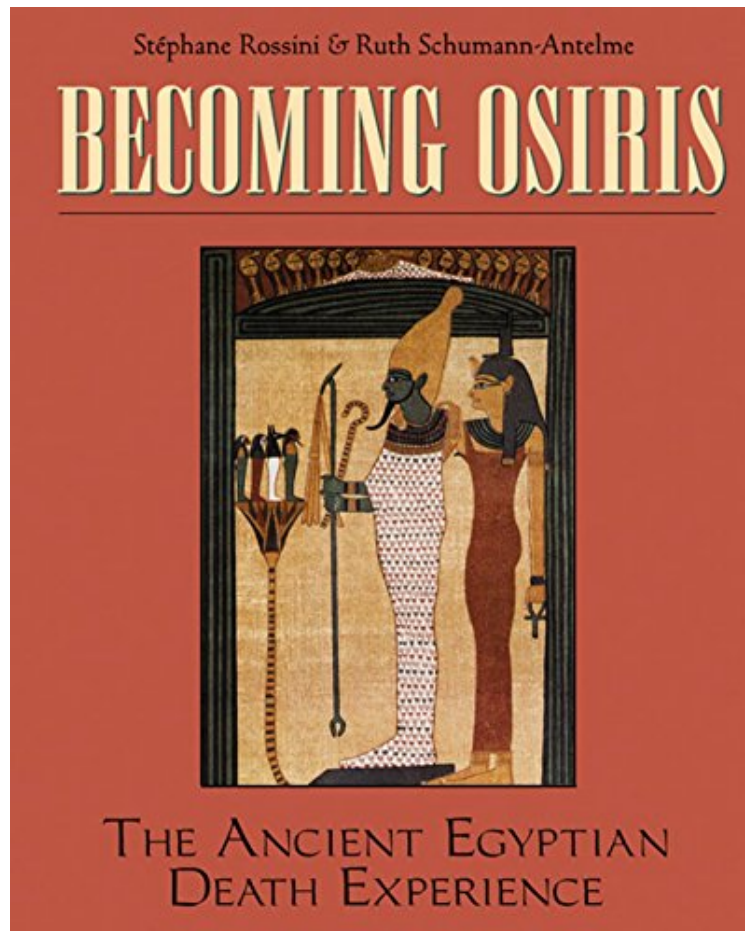


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the Mouth, 3) Methods of obtaining Immortality.1) The book starts with the embalming of the corpse, the purpose of which is to transform the dead body into a statue. Although no complete text of the Ritual of Embalming is available, a detailed account is given of the complicated process at hand and of the reasons for it.2) The book then describes the "Opening of the Mouth" ritual in much detail, and shows that it refers to the "Book of Statues" used to transform the mummy into a living statue.3) As a last stage, the "Methods of obtaining Immortality" are described, with many references to the "Book of the Dead". The main chapters of this last section read : Return to the Universal Matrix, Teaching for Coming forth by Day, Magical Self-defense, Solarization of the Deceased, Magical Integration, The Vindicated explores the Cycle of the Beyond, Geography of the Beyond, Mystical Labyrinth and the Glorious Arrival. There are numerous versions of the BoD. Most of them do cover the text in much detail, but unless one is proficient in the Egyptian language and is knowledgeable in Egyptian myths, the true significance of the text remains extremely obscure. Not so in this book. The text is very clear, factual, concise and to the point. Very Professional. The drawings are detailed and add much to the understanding. One can regret though that they are not available in color.

An in-depth examination of the ancient Egyptian approach to death and its relevance to the modern near-death experience A thought-provoking account of the numerous initiatic stages of the immortalization process Examines the Ritual of Embalming and the Ritual of the Opening of the Mouth, both central to the ancient Egyptian death experience Includes numerous illustrations from the rich field of Egyptian funeral art In their well-known Book of the Dead, the ancient Egyptians left humanity one of the most comprehensive looks at the death experience and the afterlife. Without sacrificing the rich complexity of pharaonic thought, Stephane Rossini and Ruth Schumann Antelme provide an accessible, thought-provoking account of the numerous initiatic stages of the immortalization process and the magical self-defense techniques necessary for the soul to achieve its ultimate objective as a solarized being. The true significance of the ancient Egyptian view of death cannot be entirely comprehended without knowledge of the practices that preceded those described in the Book of the Dead. Becoming Osiris presents an informative account of both the Ritual of Embalming, which transforms the deceased into a latent Osiris, and the Ritual of the Opening of the Mouth, which restores to the deceased his faculties. Though thousands of years old, these texts have an astounding contemporary relevance. With numerous illustrations from the rich field of Egyptian funeral art, Becoming Osiris presents a comprehensive guide to the fascinating Osirian odyssey that is the ancient Egyptian death experience.