

Baffling deaths, mysterious corpses



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preparator in old burial vaults

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Alfred Riepertinger, born in 1955, is a medical embalmer and the chief préparateur at the Institute for Pathology of the Munich Municipal Hospital Group. He is a specialist in enhancing the appearance of dead bodies (e.g. after accidents) and is an authority in embalment techniques. He is an expert in the field of plastination and has worked with people such as Gunther von Hagen.

Mummies? You not only find them in Egypt! Even today, people are still embalmed after death – and not infrequently a body dries out to become a mummy.

Preparator Alfred Riepertinger is a mummy expert and eminent authority on the subject of embalming. In this book he tells us about that spine-tingling moment when he opens a centuries-old coffin: what secrets will the mummified body divulge when it is examined? Alfred Riepertinger explains how a human body becomes a mummy and describes the techniques he himself uses in the process of embalming. He not only tells gripping tales of famous and not-so-famous mummies but also explores myths focussing on death and decay – does, for example, cadaveric poison really exist? Fascinating, intriguing and unexpected facts from the realm of the eternally living!