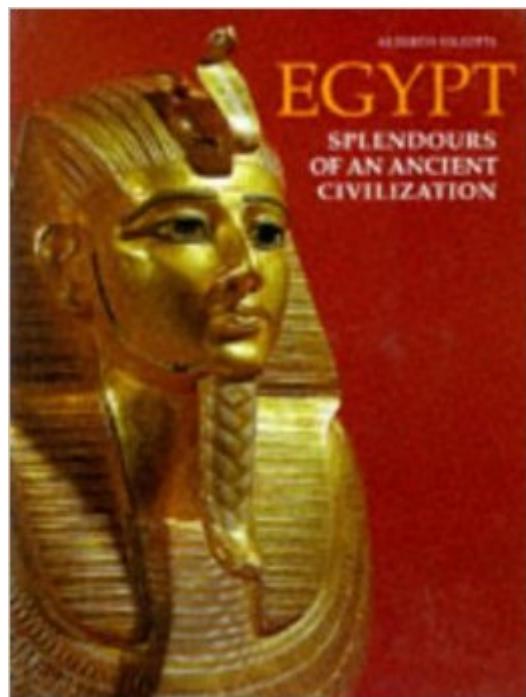


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# Egypt: Splendors Of An Ancient Civilization



## Synopsis

This work attempts to recreate the visual experience of an actual journey along the Nile. In nearly 300 large-format pages, printed in full colour throughout, some of the finest photographs ever taken of Egypt's monuments and fabulous treasures have been brought together for the first time. Here are the pyramids of Giza and Saqqara and the temples and tombs of Thebes. Here too are the less well known sites and cities of the Delta, the Faiyum, Sinai and Nubia. The photographs are accompanied by a wide-ranging text, giving an overview of the natural wealth of the Nile and 5,000 years of Egyptian history from the first pharaohs to the modern Arab republic. The reader is taken on a journey up the Nile, from Tanis to Abu Simbel. Each location is illustrated by a site plan and photographs not only of the principal structures but also of objects from the site. Specially commissioned and highly informative cross-sectional diagrams - including reconstructions of the tombs of Tutankhamun, Sethos and Queen Nefertari - a double fold-out map of the course of the Nile and an illustrated glossary complete this panoramic study of Egyptian civilisation. Alberto Siliotti has studied and researched ancient Egypt for many years, and has written several books on the subject. He is director of the Thebes Project, working to promote the analysis and complete computer cataloguing of the paintings in the Theban tombs.

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The book contains over 300 magnificent photographs and illustrations of Egypt's monuments, treasures, archaeological discoveries and travelers. The reader will see the pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the Faiyum, the Sinai, the Strait of Tiran, Nubia, Tanis, Esna, Luxor, Karnak, Philae,

Dendera, Abu Simbel, Deir el-Bahri, the Valley of the Queens, Edfu, Kom Ombo and the Valley of the Kings, and will identify Ernesto Schiaparelli, Auguste Mariette, Jean-François Champollion and Howard Carter, among many famous discoverers. A history of this fascinating civilization, from ancient to modern Egypt, is included, as well as reconstructions of tombs, a bibliography and a glossary. For everyone to own.

I first saw this book after a four-week trip to Egypt, where our travels included as much as we could see between the relocated monument Ramses II built in honor of himself at Abu Simbel to the vicinity of El-Qahira (Cairo) and its monuments and museums. This book is the one I have chosen to "keep my memories fresh" and share them with others- it is that good, and more. The illustrations are brilliant; the informative text is thorough and illuminating without being pedantic or burying the photos and drawings. I only wish the Cairo Museum had books as good as this one! If you love Egypt, this book will live an active life on your coffee table.

I will not add too much to what the other reviewers have opined on this magnificent book. It is gorgeously illustrated with superior photographs and interesting drawings and geographical overviews. It is the perfect book to get anyone interested in the never-ending treasures to be found in Egypt. The large-format size and the several fold-outs only add to the many and varied pleasures to be found in this book. Also, it is somewhat scholarly and has some very useful timelines and genealogies. Highly recommended to all Egyptophiles and lovers of antiquity alike. Tim Wingate, CANADA

This is my second book by Alberto Siliotti and, like the first, the quality is high and the writing enjoyable. His appreciation of the discoveries about ancient Egypt comes through strongly and enhances the experience of the ancient culture with each page turned.

i don't have this book yet. i have already told hubby that he's getting it for me for valentines. everytime i go into the bookstore, i take it off the shelf and spend about a half hour just leafing through it and looking at the pictures. if you are not sure whether you want to put out the money to buy this book, do yourself a favor and see if they have a copy at the bookstore and look through it. i know you'll be convinced that it's worth the price. i plan on ordering my book rather than buying it off the shelf. there are several fold out sections in the book and i want to make sure they are in good shape. the pictures of the temples and tombs in the book are great. also lots of maps. i admit, i'm an

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