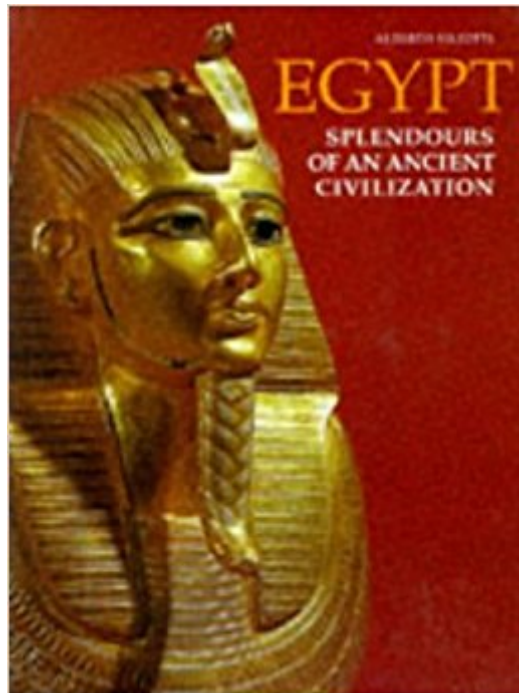




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Egypt: Splendors Of An Ancient Civilization



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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While both these well-illustrated books concern ancient Egyptian culture and art, they are quite different in approach and audience appeal. Director of the Thebes Project, French scholar Siliotti states quite clearly that what distinguishes his survey of Egyptian monuments and art is that every

object is reproduced in exquisite full-color photographs. The book is a remarkable visual resource (especially considering the price). Accompanying almost 300 photographs and a succinct, well-written text are maps, plans, and reconstruction illustrations of architectural complexes. The book is organized not in the typical chronological order but geographically, focusing on the major sites from which the objects originated. Egyptologist and Los Angeles County Museum of Art curator Thomas has produced a more scholarly study, which also functions as a catalog for an exhibition organized by the museum and traveling to Saint Louis and Indianapolis this year. The focus here is on the work of pioneering American Egyptologists and the objects they collected. The text includes an interesting essay on ancient Egypt in American popular culture. Though less of a coffee-table book than the Siliotti volume, Thomas's catalog also has excellent photographs of objects (a companion volume of the same name with ten in-depth essays is also available from Abrams, ISBN 0-8109-6313-2, \$60). Both the books under review are highly recommended?Siliotti for all libraries and Thomas for academic libraries.?Eugene C. Burt, Art Inst. of Seattle Lib., Wash.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I purchased this book for my husband for his birthday. We traveled to Egypt earlier in the year and he wanted a coffee tablebook with both history, diagrams and photographs of the places we visited as a memento of our travels there.. I looked everywhere, including Egypt and couldn't find anything comprehensive or of good quality until I came across this one. There are hundreds of beautiful photographs, diagrams of tombs, explanations of building techniques, and history about all of the major (and many less known) archeological finds in Egypt. Absolutely the best out there. I highly recommend it. Cellars of Books were fantastic about safely getting me this beautiful out-of-print book in time for El Jeffe's birthday!

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.

This book is great for ancient Egypt buffs. I love the many photos. Good for all ages. Written in a matter that is approachable.

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.

BEAUTIFUL BOOK, LOVE THE COVER AND SIZE AND GREAT PICTURES AND INFORMATION. NICE.

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