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Book 1: The Egypt of Cleopatra

The Rise and Fall of Cleopatra's Egypt

Nowadays, in the 21st Century everyone is busy with the future, and only very few take a moment to look back to the past and think about what really happened. Let me guide you and take your hand, together we will travel back in time. We will resurrect the dead and see how life really was hundreds and thousands of years ago.

Cleopatra, one of the most famous of all of Egypt's illustrious Pharaohs, has become an indelible part of our understanding of ancient Egypt. What is less well known is the context of her reign - the cultural and political climate at the time of her birth, rule, and death. As a leader, Cleopatra was much more than just a seductive, beautiful temptress. She was a young woman brought to power during a tumultuous time in the history of her country, as well as during the rise of what would become one of the biggest and most powerful Empires in the history of the world: Rome.

Book 2: The Egypt of Ramses II

Ramses the Great

In all of Egypt's long and storied history, Ramses the Great stands out as one of the best known and successful of all. Ruling the country for some 67 years, Ramses II ruled over Egypt during a time of stability and prosperity. His rule was marked by economic prosperity, successful military campaigns, and impressive building projects. He wanted from the very beginnings of his long reign, to ensure that his legacy was sealed,

literally in stone, and that reminders of his rule were so ubiquitous that he would not be forgotten. In this, like many other elements of his kingship, he was highly successful and he has gone down in history as a legendary ruler.

Ramses II came to power at a young age. As co-regent with his father, he learned the proverbial ropes of leading the nation and leading a military. When he ascended to the throne, it became very clear that he was an incredibly passionate warrior. He has a long-standing military tradition going back many generations in his family, so being an active, successful campaigner was a vital part of his kingship. Some of the battles were undertaken to subdue untenable populations, others were to gain more wealth and power for the nation. Perhaps the most famous of all his military campaigns were his various battles against Egypt's dreaded for, the Hittites.

Book 3: The Egypt of Hatshepsut

The Woman Who Was King

Hatshepsut was the first and arguably most powerful female to rule as pharaoh during its long and storied history. Her rule was highly unconventional, yet she had the support of the power brokers at the time. Somehow, during her long reign as pharaoh with her stepson, she managed to maintain positive relationships with the right constituency, as well as her co-ruler. It would seem likely that, if there was internal strife within the royal house as to the moves made by Hatshepsut, there would be some documentation or indication of this tension in the historical record. As of the time of this writing, no evidence of poor relations or civil strife has ever been found.

Growing up in a powerful royal family, she was, from birth, a woman of greater power than ordinary. As the only surviving daughter of the pharaoh Thutmose I, it was known early on that her destiny was to be Queen. This means that she had the benefits of education and training that most could not even dream of receiving. Her early participation in religious rituals and rites also helped her develop connections with highly influential people within the cult of Amun that was growing immensely in power and wealth during the New Kingdom.

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