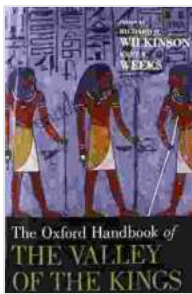


Unveiling the Secrets of the Valley of the Kings: A Review of "The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings"

Journey to the heart of ancient Egypt's most enigmatic burial ground with "The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings," a comprehensive guide that uncovers the secrets and wonders of this legendary necropolis.



The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings (Oxford Handbooks)

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

Language	: English
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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 627 pages
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Edited by leading Egyptologists Richard H. Wilkinson and Kent R. Weeks, this meticulously researched handbook brings together the latest scholarship on the Valley of the Kings, providing an invaluable resource for scholars, enthusiasts, and anyone fascinated by the mysteries of ancient Egypt.

A Comprehensive Exploration

Spanning over 700 pages, "The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings" offers an unparalleled depth of coverage, exploring:

- **The history and development of the Valley of the Kings:** From its humble beginnings to its rise as the exclusive burial ground for Egypt's pharaohs.
- **The stunning architecture and decoration of the royal tombs:** A testament to the ingenuity and artistic prowess of ancient Egyptian craftsmen.
- **The discovery and excavation of the Valley of the Kings:** The thrilling tale of archaeologists unraveling the secrets of the pharaohs' eternal resting places.
- **The mummies and burials of the pharaohs:** Insights into the elaborate rituals and beliefs surrounding royal burials.
- **The Valley of the Kings in popular culture:** Tracing the fascination with this ancient site in literature, film, and art.

Unveiling Tutankhamun's Tomb

One of the most captivating chapters in the handbook focuses on the discovery and excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb. Howard Carter's groundbreaking excavation in 1922 captured the world's imagination, revealing the stunning treasures and intact burial of the young pharaoh.

"The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings" provides a detailed account of this momentous discovery, from the initial search to the painstaking excavation of the tomb's opulent contents. Readers will gain

insights into the significance of Tutankhamun's burial and the lasting impact of his discovery on our understanding of ancient Egypt.

Exploring the Valley's Architecture

The architecture of the royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings is a testament to the ingenuity and artistic excellence of ancient Egyptian builders. The handbook meticulously explores the various architectural features of these tombs, including:

- **The grand entrance portals:** Adorned with intricate reliefs depicting the pharaohs in their divine roles.
- **The sloping burial shafts:** Leading deep into the heart of the tombs, often concealing hidden chambers and treasures.
- **The elaborate burial chambers:** Filled with stunning reliefs, paintings, and statues depicting the pharaohs and their journey through the afterlife.

An Invaluable Resource for Scholars and Enthusiasts

"The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings" is an essential resource for scholars engaged in Egyptology and the study of ancient Egypt. It provides a comprehensive overview of the Valley of the Kings, offering the latest research and insights into its history, architecture, burials, and cultural significance.

Equally, the handbook is an invaluable guide for history enthusiasts, travelers, and anyone fascinated by the mysteries of ancient Egypt. It offers a captivating journey through the Valley of the Kings, revealing the secrets and wonders that have captivated the world for centuries.

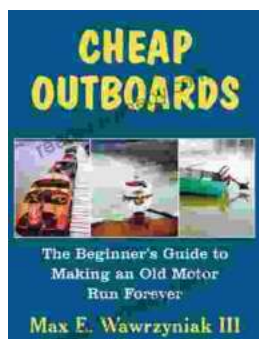
If you seek to unravel the secrets of the Valley of the Kings and delve into the mysteries of ancient Egyptian royalty, "The Oxford Handbook of the Valley of the Kings" is the ultimate guide. This comprehensive and authoritative work provides an unparalleled exploration of this iconic burial ground, offering a journey through history, architecture, and archaeological discoveries that will leave you captivated and inspired.



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