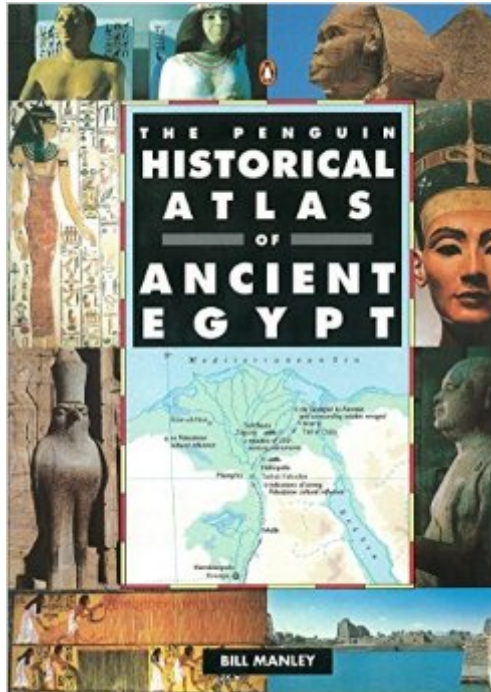


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## Synopsis

From its humble origins as a cluster of rival chiefdoms along the banks of the Nile, ancient Egypt rose to become one of the most advanced civilizations of its time. This atlas traces its turbulent history and remarkable cultural development, from the founding of Memphis around 5000 BC, through the territorial expansion and flourishing trade of the "age of empire", to Greek domination and ultimate collapse. Political rivalries are charted through the successive dynasties, from the strife of the intermediate periods to the golden ages of prosperity and artistic glory under Akhenaten, Tutankhamun and Ramesses II. The latest archaeological evidence is used to cast new light on the vast architectural legacy of the world's first great nation state. The authoritative narrative, illustrated with over sixty full colour maps and over seventy plates, makes this an indispensable handbook for history students and enthusiasts alike.

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Many people are writing that this book did not satisfy their desire for facts and more in-depth explanations of Egyptian history, and that the book's text is not informative. This book is not meant for that purpose, and is really and truly an atlas. The maps are what matter. In that regard it serves its purpose and more. The maps are extremely easy to follow, clearly labelled and identified, colorful, and most of all- informative. One can tell so much about a period of history by analyzing a map, particularly several which have trade routes, battle sites, important roads and cultural sites CLEARLY marked. Who could ask for anything more! This atlas is wonderful, and is, I repeat, an

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This book provides a great deal of information on 3000 years of Egyptian history in an unusual format. The book consists of many single-page essays on a particular topic or period, with the essay on the left side of the page, and the corresponding map on the other side of the page, which illustrates what's going on in the text. It's sort of an interesting way to write a history book of ancient Egypt, and I thought it worked out pretty well. Although not your typical history, it's still an interesting and useful book, especially for getting a quick overview of a particular subject or topic.

This book is very easy to read in both text, and maps are excellent and easy to read. This is an excellent item to use for reference. However, to compress so much History into one volume does neither the atlas or Egyptian History justice. However, as a reference item, this is an excellent item.

This scholarly book traces the history of Egypt from 5000 to 305 BC through maps and what is known of pharaohs during that time. Amazingly, there are many centuries where the number of kings are estimated, but none are known. It mentions wars, changes of rulers of certain areas, and why these happened. There is an index which you will need because in most cases, both Grecian and Egyptian names are included in the maps. If you have ever flown over the Nile on the way to somewhere else, you will appreciate the maps in this book and how important this river was and is to the country.

Much nonsense has been written about ancient Egypt, trying too hard to simplify its huge complexities over 3,000 and more years. Its history is mainly known through Manetho, an Egyptian priest who wrote in Greek from sources he could not identify. Known not in Manetho's writing but in references in the works of non-Egyptian writers, like Josephus. Bill Manley has put together an historical atlas that combines pages of informed textual information and engaging maps. There are gaps in his coverage, and not everyone will agree with some of his descriptions or map borderlines. For example, he is not very clear on the pre-Israelites and the Israelites. Sad to say, neither is anybody else. But this is as good an historical atlas of ancient Egypt as there is.

A well-crafted and organized history of Ancient Egypt with excellent maps and descriptions of

territories, kingdoms and movement of people and rulers throughout 7000 years of transformation.

Maps showing the changing boundaries of countries through a period of history are great visual for students of ancient history.

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