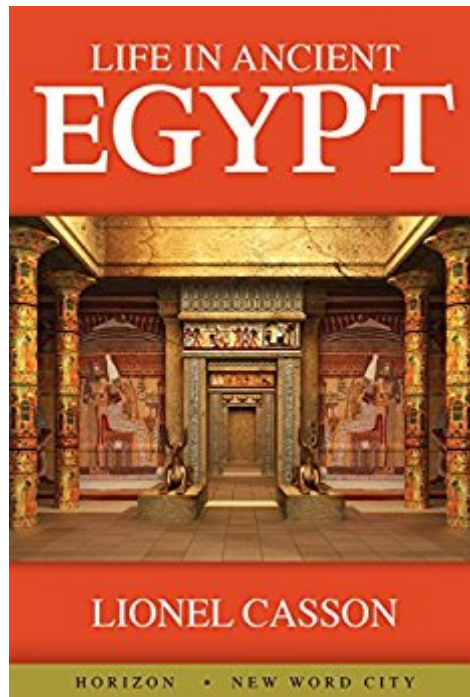


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# Life In Ancient Egypt



## Synopsis

"... gracefully written" - The New York Times Award-winning historian Lionel Casson paints a vivid portrait of the people of ancient Egypt - from peasants and pharaohs to soldiers and scribes and artists and priests - and what life was like beyond the splendors and treasures that remain with us today.

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The extraordinary civilization of Ancient Egypt lasted for almost three thousand years and left behind some of the most famous monuments in the world. Who isn't fascinated by the pyramids at Giza, the temple at Luxor, and the Sphinx? But I wanted to know more about the people who created these monuments, and I once met the author so I bought this book. (Lionel Casson was a professor at New York University and something of a celebrity in the world of Classics. He wrote two dozen books including *Life in Ancient Rome*, *The Ancient Mariners*, and *Ships and Seamanship in the Ancient World*.) This excellent book is well written and covers a lot of ground on such subjects as the structure of Egyptian society, engineering and the professions, farming, family life, the role of women, religion and the role of the afterlife. An important note: the book covers mostly life during the

New Kingdom (not Old or Middle Kingdom), roughly 1550 to 1075 B.C, a time of extended peace and prosperity. Much of the evidence of daily life of both nobility and commoners comes from the lavish wall paintings that decorated the many tombs of pharaohs and nobles that have been uncovered from this period. Casson put forward one particularly interesting theory: that the Egyptian civilization grew and survived because of the unique environment.

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