

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

### September's Topic: Egyptian History

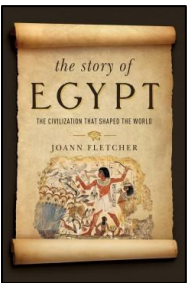
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-881-1953.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

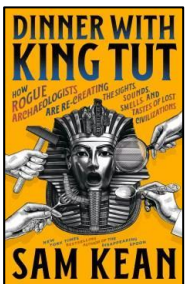
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to **Egyptian History**. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to)

#### Books:



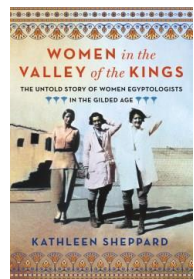
**[The Story of Egypt: The Civilization that Shaped the World](#)** by Joann Fletcher – NONFICTION HISTORY ANCIENT EGYPT Fletcher; [eAudio](#) via Libby\* and [eBook](#) via Hoopla\*

The story of the world's greatest civilization spans 4,000 years of history that has shaped the world. It is full of spectacular cities and epic stories—an evolving society rich in inventors, heroes, heroines, villains, artisans, and pioneers. Professor Joann Fletcher pulls together the complete story of Egypt—charting the rise and fall of the ancient Egyptians while putting their whole world into a context to which we can all relate.



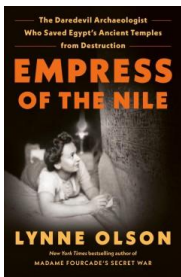
**[Dinner with King Tut: How Rogue Archaeologists are Recreating the Sights, Sounds, and Tastes of Lost Civilizations](#)** by Sam Kean – on order; [eAudio](#) via Libby\*

Fascinated by history but bored by dusty, tedious archaeological digs, science author Kean dives into the field of experimental archaeology. Kean learns certain skills, like brewing beer and baking bread as did the ancient Egyptians, making weapons out of rocks and obsidian as was done in Africa 75,000 years ago, and even tattooing in the methods of people who lived in 500 A.D. in what is now Northern California. In the process, the author expands our understanding of what life was like back then and raises questions about long-held assumptions.



**[Women in the Valley of the Kings: The Untold Story of Women Egyptologists in the Gilded Age](#)** by Kathleen Sheppard – NONFICTION HISTORY ANCIENT EGYPT Sheppard; [eBook](#) and [eAudio](#) via Libby\*

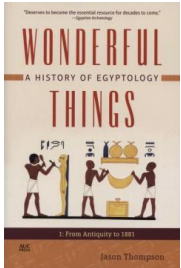
The history of Egyptology is often told as yet one more grand narrative of powerful men striving to seize the day and the precious artifacts for their competing homelands. But that is only half of the story. During the so-called Golden Age of Exploration, there were women working and exploring before Howard Carter discovered the tomb of King Tut. Before men even conceived of claiming the story for themselves, women were working in Egypt to lay the groundwork for all future exploration. In *Women in the Valley of the Kings* Sheppard brings the untold stories of these women back into this narrative.



**[Empress of the Nile: The Daredevil Archaeologist who Saved Egypt's Ancient Temples from Destruction](#)** by **Lynne Olson** – via Evergreen Indiana\*; [eBook](#) and [eAudio](#) via Libby\*

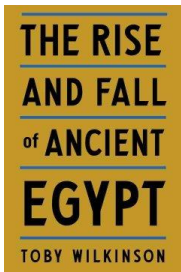
In the 1960s, the world's attention was focused on a nail-biting race against time--an international campaign to save over a dozen ancient Egyptian temples, built during the height of the pharaohs' rule, from drowning in the floodwaters of the gigantic new Aswan High Dam. But the massive press coverage of this unprecedented rescue effort completely overlooked the feisty French archaeologist who made it all happen.

Without the intervention of Christiane Desroches-Noblecourt, the temples--including the Met Museum's Temple of Dendur--would now be at the bottom of a gigantic reservoir.



**[Wonderful Things: a History of Egyptology From Antiquity to 1881](#)** by **Jason Thompson** – NONFICTION HISTORY ANCIENT EGYPT Thompson

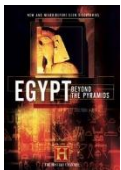
The discovery of ancient Egypt and the development of Egyptology are momentous events in intellectual and cultural history. The history of Egyptology is the story of the people, famous and obscure, who constructed the picture of ancient Egypt that we have today, recovered the Egyptian past while inventing it anew, and made a lost civilization comprehensible to generations of enchanted readers and viewers thousands of years later.



**[The Rise and Fall of Ancient Egypt](#)** by **Toby Wilkinson**– via Evergreen Indiana\*; [eBook](#) via Libby\* and [eAudio](#) via Hoopla\*

In this history, Toby Wilkinson combines narrative sweep with detailed knowledge of hieroglyphs and the iconography of power, to reveal Ancient Egypt in all its complexity--from the brutality and repression that lay behind the appearance of its unchanging monarchy to its extraordinary architectural and cultural achievements.

## Video:



**[Egypt: Beyond the Pyramids](#)** – NONFICTION DVD HISTORY ANCIENT EGYPT Egypt

A look at ancient Egypt, including the Tomb of Ramses II, the Abydos Boat Grave, and the skeletons at Mendes. Includes footage of major sites and artifacts. Produced by Greystone Communications for the History Channel



**[Egypt: Rediscovering a Lost World](#)** – NONFICTION DVD HISTORY ANCIENT EGYPT Egypt

Examines three significant archeological discoveries, King Tut's tomb discovered by Howard Carter, tombs of Seti I and Ramesses discovered by Giovanni Belzoni and Jean-Francis Champollion decodes the hieroglyphs.

## Podcasts:



**[The History of Egypt Podcast](#)** with **Dominic Perry** – available via Apple Podcasts and Spotify

Perry lives in Auckland, New Zealand, where he studied Ancient History at The University of Auckland. His Master Thesis focused on Egyptian economics of the Old Kingdom; and his PhD research currently focuses on urbanism and socio-economics in the New Kingdom.



**[American Research Center in Egypt \(ARCE\) Podcast](#)**

Features exciting research and fieldwork, presented by scholarly authorities. Topics include Tutankhamun, Kingship in Ancient Egypt, Recent Research & Books, and more.

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