

# The Royal Suicides of Ancient Egypt: A Tragedy of Power and Betrayal

The ancient Egyptian pharaohs were some of the most powerful and revered figures in history. They were believed to be descended from the gods and possessed absolute authority over their people. But behind the facade of power and glory, many pharaohs led lives of tragedy and despair. Several committed suicide, ending their lives in a way that was both shocking and mysterious.



## Royal Suicides of Ancient Egypt: Historical Tales - Revengeful Nitocris and Ambitious Cleopatra VII-

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In his groundbreaking book, *The Royal Suicides of Ancient Egypt*, Egyptologist Dr. Bob Brier investigates the deaths of some of the most famous and notorious pharaohs in history, including Cleopatra, Akhenaten, and Tutankhamun. Brier draws on a wealth of archaeological evidence and historical records to uncover the motivations and circumstances behind

these suicides, shedding new light on the inner workings of the Egyptian court and the lives of the pharaohs who ruled it.

### **Cleopatra: The Last Pharaoh**

Cleopatra VII was the last pharaoh of ancient Egypt. She was a brilliant and ambitious ruler who defied the odds and held onto power for nearly three decades. But her reign ended in tragedy when she committed suicide after her defeat by the Roman Empire.

Brier argues that Cleopatra's suicide was not an act of cowardice, but rather a calculated political move. She knew that she would be executed if she fell into Roman hands, and she chose to take her own life rather than face that fate. Cleopatra's suicide was a powerful symbol of her defiance and her refusal to be humiliated by her enemies.

### **Akhenaten: The Heretic Pharaoh**

Akhenaten was one of the most controversial pharaohs in Egyptian history. He abandoned the traditional gods of Egypt and replaced them with a single god, Aten. Akhenaten's religious reforms were met with widespread resistance, and he was eventually overthrown and killed.

Brier suggests that Akhenaten's suicide was a result of his isolation and despair. He had alienated his people and his family, and he saw no way out of his situation. Akhenaten's suicide was a tragic end for a pharaoh who had once been so full of hope and ambition.

### **Tutankhamun: The Boy King**

Tutankhamun was one of the most famous pharaohs in Egyptian history. He ascended to the throne at the age of nine and died just nine years later.

Tutankhamun's death has been the subject of much speculation, and Brier presents a compelling case that he committed suicide.

Brier argues that Tutankhamun was suffering from a debilitating disease that left him in constant pain. He was also under pressure from his advisors to abandon his father's religious reforms. Tutankhamun's suicide was a way for him to escape his suffering and to protect his legacy.

The *Royal Suicides of Ancient Egypt* is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that sheds new light on the lives and deaths of some of the most famous pharaohs in history. Brier's meticulous research and engaging writing style make this book a must-read for anyone interested in ancient Egypt or the history of suicide.

*The Royal Suicides of Ancient Egypt* is available now from all major booksellers.

## About the Author

Dr. Bob Brier is a world-renowned Egyptologist and the author of over 20 books on ancient Egypt. He is a professor emeritus at Long Island University and a research associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Brier has appeared on numerous television documentaries and has been featured in articles in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *National Geographic*.

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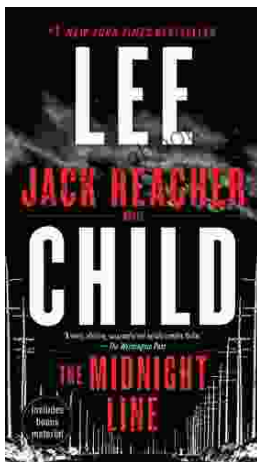
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