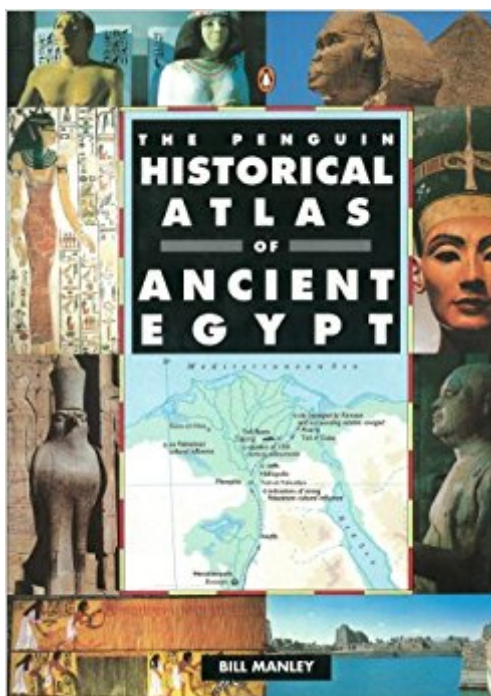


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Customer Reviews

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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

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Bought this as a keepsake reference after my trip to Egypt in 2016. Brings back wonderful memories

Great compact book about the history of ancient Egypt. They really fit a lot of info in a short book.

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.

I am using the Atlas in conjunction with a number of historical books on Egypt that I purchased from previously. It is a very great assistance

The text of this atlas contains too many typographical errors, for example, on page 20 the date of climate changes in northeast Africa is given as 700 BC when it should be 7,000 BC! The book should have had better editing. Also, the bibliography is not very helpful. However, the maps are excellent. The book is worth buying just for the maps.

The Penguin series of Historical Atlas are always very comprehensive and if you are "map oriented" like I am you will find these maps very useful. The text is also extremely well done, with the most accurate and up to date thinking about the events represented.

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