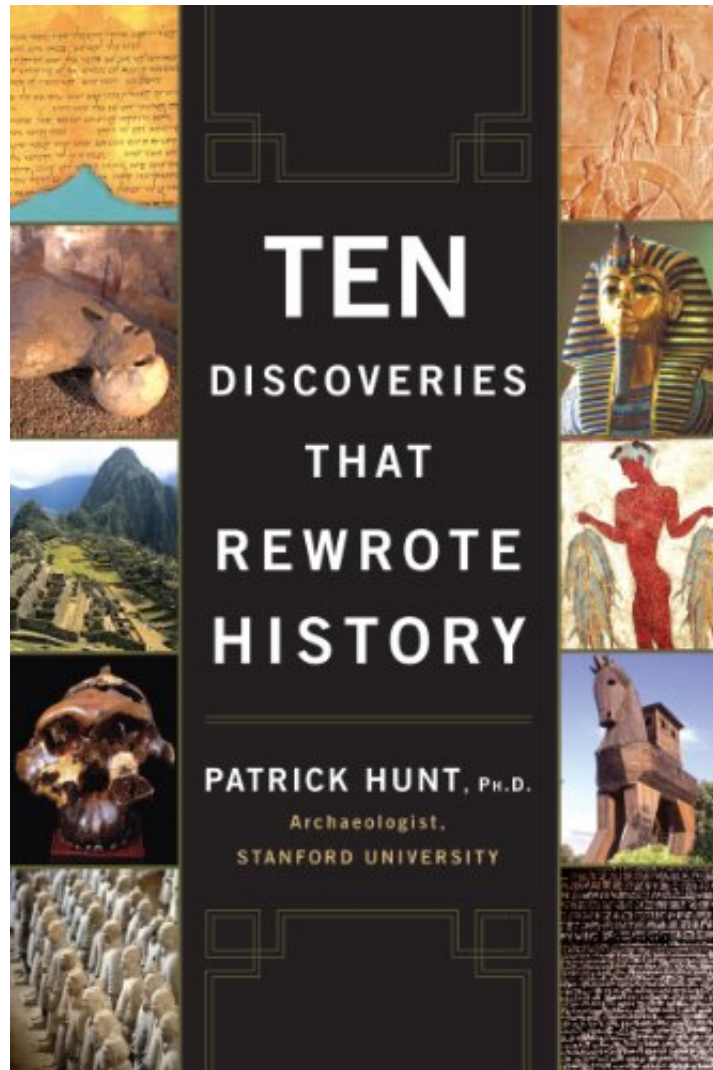


Ten Discoveries That Rewrote History

by

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Synopsis

The world's greatest archaeological finds and what they tell us about lost civilizations. Renowned archaeologist Patrick Hunt brings his top ten list of ancient archaeological discoveries to life in this concise and captivating book. The Rosetta Stone, Troy, Nineveh's Assyrian Library, King Tut's Tomb, Machu Picchu, Pompeii, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Thera, Olduvai Gorge, and the Tomb of 10,000 Warriors—Hunt reveals the fascinating stories of these amazing discoveries and explains the ways in which they added to our knowledge of human history and permanently altered our worldview. Part travel guide to the wonders of the world and part primer on ancient world history, *Ten Discoveries That Rewrote History* captures the awe and excitement of finding a lost window into ancient civilization.

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"For lay readers and beginning students in archaeology and ancient history, this book will serve as an enjoyable, wide-ranging introduction to the importance of archaeology in writing-or rewriting-history."—Library Journal --This text refers to an alternate kindle_edition edition.

About the Author: Patrick Hunt earned his Ph.D. in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, University of London, and is in his twenty-eighth year at Stanford. For over fifteen years, he directed the Stanford Alpine Archaeology Project, and his research has been sponsored by the National Geographic Society's Expedition Council. He is also a National Lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America; on a national committee of that organization; an elected Fellow of the Explorers Club in New York City; a National Geographic Expeditions Expert; a National Lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America; and an elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He has authored twenty-one books and 100+ articles, and often appears as a scholar on PBS, National Geographic, and NOVA, as well as consulting for BBC and other documentary productions. --This text refers to an alternate kindle_edition edition.

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What people say about this book

R. Bennett, "10 Stories of Life and World Changing Historical Events presented in a Very Personal Way. This book was astounding! The ten chapters on incredible archeological finds throughout the world blew my mind away! Especially of interest to me were the chapters on the Rosetta Stone, Pompeii, Thera, and an extremely personal story about the author going to Machu Picchu and playing a recorder from the site and the mostly spiritual experience it turned out to be. Hunt starts each chapter with a story on how the site was found or details about how it started making the contributions it did to science, archeology and history. Very good stories. After this, Hunt explained the details about the find and how it has made the impact it has upon the world's history. There were things in each chapter that I did not know, even though I did know something about most of the sites. I learned a lot and want to read this book repeatedly to ingrain the information and the feelings associated with what was presented in my memory. Several of these sites have been transferred to my bucket list of places I want to visit and see for myself before I die. I hope I have the opportunity as these are world changing events in general and life changing events in the personal."

Fuad R Qubein, "The Power of Modern Archeology. It would be rather difficult for a person who is not familiar with archeological events to list the top ten great discoveries. That is why this book, Ten Discoveries that Rewrote History, by Patrick Hunt, is a great help. The author not only lists these discoveries for us but also points out their historical significance and the circumstances surrounding their discoveries. Several of these discoveries are generally familiar to us from newspapers, like Tutankhamen (Tut) Tomb, Machu Picchu, the Rosetta Stone, Pompeii, and Troy. Others are vaguely familiar like Akrotiri, Nineveh, Leaky's work, the tomb of 10,000. Interestingly, several of the most famous archeological events were discovered accidentally - pure serendipity! Others required much effort and extensive spending. It is difficult to discuss all of them here but two stand out as very significant. Take the Rosetta Stone, which was accidentally discovered by Napoleon's forces while cleaning the Nile river in 1799. The writing on this stone enabled the deciphering of the hieroglyphic language thus opening up the ancient history of the Egyptians which was a mystery for 2000 years. But Tut's tomb was considered the greatest discovery of the 20th Century and also the most rewarding. In a US tour in 1976 it attracted over 8 million visitors and brought over \$100 million in income. There is little doubt that archeological exploration has been increasing steadily since archeology became an official discipline in the 18th century. Greater awareness has been one of the factors behind this. Nations have been taking pride in exploring their cultural and architectural history. But archeological projects require funds and this has been a handicap. Many believe that funds are more usefully invested elsewhere, e.g. in medical care and in fighting poverty. As in other projects, politics are becoming instrumental in setting budgets and priorities. Meanwhile, there has been a mystifying attachment to old archeological events and artifacts. At the state level we

find Greece and Egypt in legal fights with English and other museums demanding the return of some of their archeological objects that were captured in the old colonial days when controls were absent. Even at the family level we find people taking pride in buying and owning remains of old columns or artifacts even if they go back to more than 3500 years. Thankfully, this has now become illegal in most countries. Fuad R Qubein Aug. 2017”

Bookman, “Awesome Book. I can't really add anything that the other reviewer's haven't said. But I can say that this is one of the best books i've read in a while. it's so exciting. like i'm there digging up the past. there's almost no nonsense in this book, no unnecessary technical babble, etc. it's written almost like a novel, only with facts. Patrick Hunt is obviously a very passionate person. When he described what he considers the most magical moment of his life, I could directly relate with it, and I was extremely moved. If you buy this book and read it I guarantee you will revise your bucket list.”

M.G., “Ancient Discoveries Revealed. This pocket-sized book by Stanford Archaeologist Patrick Hunt on "Ten Discoveries that Rewrote History" covers a lot of ground on this weighty subject. At first I was mildly disappointed that it offered no photos, maps, drawings or illustrations that normally accompany such texts, but once I started reading, I quickly forgot about this omission. It is not easy to treat effectively ten major archaeological discoveries in some 20 pages each, but Dr. Hunt has done this masterfully, starting with a description of what the initial discoverer must have felt upon realizing the significance of what he had come across, whether by chance or determined effort. He then describes the ensuing study of these finds and why they changed the way historians and archaeologists look at the past. I am personally familiar with several of his chosen sites (Pompeii, Machu Picchu, Thera, Troy, Nineveh, Rosetta Stone), yet learned something new about each from this his descriptions and analysis. Interjected throughout are personal anecdotes by Dr. Hunt regarding his contract with these sites and the scholars who are studying them. This book can easily be read and enjoyed over a single weekend, with the resulting urge to visit many of these fascinating sites. I would certainly recommend it to the adventurous traveler with an interest in the ancient world.”

Amanda Hibbert, “Ten Discoveries that Rewrote History. Thank you Patrick Hunt for writing this book! From the first page to the last it was breathtaking! I couldn't put it down, I've heard about these discoveries but never so many with so much detail and so well written!”

Deacon Gene Townsend, “Excellent book!. Each of the discoveries mentioned in this book are fascinating. Just the right amount of detail is presented. It is more difficult to write short than long. Too many books of this sort bury you with too much detail. Not Ten Discoveries That Rewrote History..”

Roy Hobbs, “very fun!. This is a very fun read. I know very little about archaeology and did not

even know about all the discoveries this book discussed. Still, I found this book to be informative enough for someone with no experience in the field but not overwhelming with detail. Each of the 10 discoveries has about 10-20 pages giving the history of the discovery and what was learned from them. I very much enjoyed it!"

r, "Five Stars. Interesting"

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