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MOUNTAINS OF THE PHARAOHS

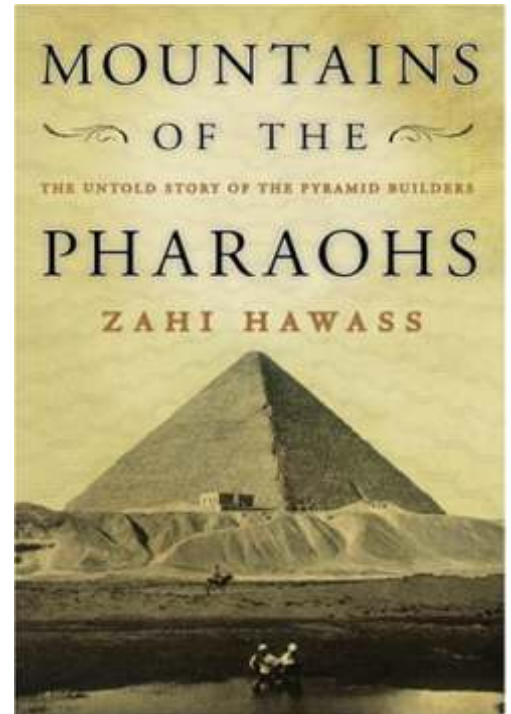
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE PYRAMID BUILDERS

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The great pyramids of Giza have intrigued humanity for thousands of years. Questions about the construction and the purpose of these majestic monuments have existed since the middle period of ancient Egyptian civilization; in the sixth century B.C., Herodotus was the first of generations of explorers to travel to Egypt in an attempt to unlock their secrets. Recent cutting-edge research has uncovered information about how and why they were built unimaginable to previous generations. In *Mountains of the Pharaohs*, Zahi Hawass, a world-renowned archaeologist and the official guardian of Egypt's timeless treasures, weaves the latest archaeological data and an enthralling family history into spellbinding narrative.

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KEY POINTS/MARKETING

- Dr. Zawass regularly hosts **National Geographic television specials** such as *Open the Lost Tombs* and *Pyramids Live*.
- Dr. Zawass has recently been named one of the 100 People Who Shape Our World by *Time Magazine*.
- He is the author of many books on ancient Egypt, including the best-selling *Valley of the Golden Mummies*.

RUNNING TIME: 7 hours - Unabridged
CATEGORY: SOCIAL SCIENCE/ARCHAEOLOGY

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Dr. Zahi Zawass is one of the world's foremost Egyptologists and, in recent years, has gained international renown in non-archaeological circles through his frequent appearances in television documentaries pertaining to early Egyptian civilization. Hawass is presently the Undersecretary of the State for the Giza Monuments.

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