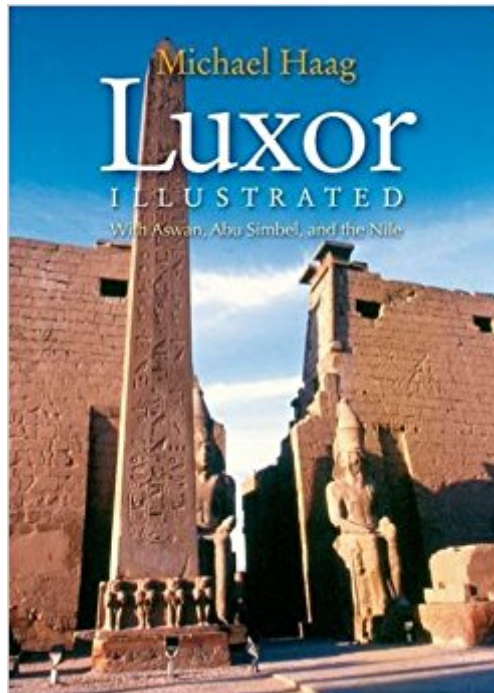




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Beautifully illustrated book. I read it before my trip to Egypt so I could know what to expect. After the trip, it was valuable in helping me remember details and get more details for my designing my photo

book.

Just returned from trip to Egypt. Luxor Illustrated was useful, as were a # of additional books I bought. Recommendation: Visit Egypt!

Luxor Illustrated by Michael Haag Having just visited Egypt in the fall of this year and traveled on the Nile to many of the famous archeological spots from the Aswan area down to Cairo, I found Michael Haag's book Luxor: Illustrated a must. The photographs and commentary recaptured my trip, helped to keep places I visited straight in my mind, and added to my knowledge of what I had seen. But the book is not just for the person who has visited the places along the Nile. I would have loved to have the book before my trip to really know what not to overlook in my travels. The book is also a wonderful resource for anyone interested in ancient Egypt and its history by bringing to life the images of the structures during the times of the different dynasties. I found the maps of the various areas and the outline of the key points of the Egyptian history from 3,000 B.C. to present at the beginning of the book very, very helpful and a great orientation that I would have loved to have with me during my travel down the Nile. The explanations of each temple that accompanied the pictures added greatly to my knowledge and appreciation of what I had seen and kept time periods and dynasties straight in my mind. Haag not only gives a wonderful photographic depiction of the Luxor area but also a glimpse at many other fascinating places that would be impossible to find time to visit on a tour of 10 to 14 days. We highly recommend this book!

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