

# Tutankhamen: The Search for an Egyptian King

Tutankhamen, also known as King Tut, was an Egyptian pharaoh who ruled from 1332 to 1323 BC. He is best known for his intact tomb, which was discovered in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter.



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## The Early Life of Tutankhamen

Tutankhamen was born in 1341 BC to Pharaoh Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti. He was the ninth of ten children, and he had six sisters and three brothers.

Tutankhamen's father, Akhenaten, was a controversial figure. He attempted to introduce a new monotheistic religion to Egypt, and he moved the capital city from Thebes to Amarna.

Tutankhamen's mother, Nefertiti, was a beautiful and powerful queen. She was the chief wife of Akhenaten, and she played an important role in his religious reforms.

Tutankhamen was a sickly child. He suffered from a variety of illnesses, including malaria, epilepsy, and a cleft palate.

In 1332 BC, Akhenaten died, and Tutankhamen became pharaoh at the age of nine. He was married to his half-sister, Ankhesenamun, and they had two daughters.

## **The Reign of Tutankhamen**

Tutankhamen's reign was marked by a return to traditional Egyptian religion. He abandoned his father's monotheistic faith and restored the old gods and goddesses.

Tutankhamen also undertook a number of military campaigns. He defeated the Nubians in the south and the Libyans in the west.

Tutankhamen died in 1323 BC at the age of 19. The cause of his death is unknown, but it may have been due to a combination of malaria, epilepsy, and a leg infection.

## **The Discovery of Tutankhamen's Tomb**

Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter. The tomb was located in the Valley of the Kings, and it was the first intact royal tomb to be found in over a century.

Carter and his team spent the next ten years excavating the tomb. They found over 5,000 artifacts, including a solid gold mask, a golden chariot, and a collection of jewelry.

The discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb was a major archaeological breakthrough. It helped to shed light on the life and times of an ancient Egyptian king, and it captured the imagination of people all over the world.

## The Legacy of Tutankhamen

Tutankhamen is one of the most famous pharaohs in Egyptian history. His intact tomb and the treasures that it contained have made him an iconic figure.

Tutankhamen's legacy extends beyond his own lifetime. His tomb has been a major tourist attraction for decades, and it has helped to generate interest in ancient Egyptian history and culture.

Tutankhamen's story is a reminder of the power and beauty of ancient Egypt. It is a story that continues to fascinate and inspire people all over the world.



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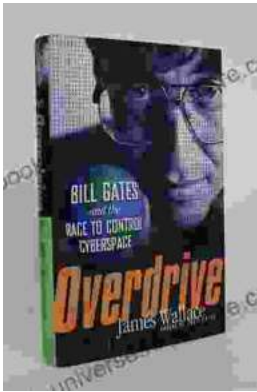
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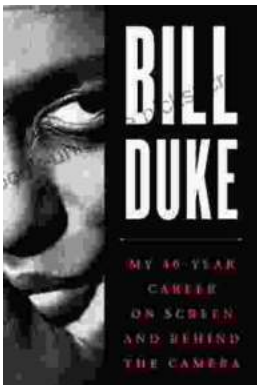
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