



24 Hours in Ancient Egypt A Day in the Life of the People Who Lived There

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Keynote

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live and work in Egypt, the most powerful kingdom of the ancient world? Spend a day with 24 Egyptians to see Egypt through their eyes – the sights, the smells, the struggles and the conflicts.

Description

Spend 24 hours with the ancient Egyptians.

Ancient Egypt wasn't all pyramids, sphinxes and gold sarcophagi. For your average Egyptian, life was tough, and work was hard, conducted under the burning gaze of the sun god Ra.

During the course of a day in the ancient city of Thebes (modern-day Luxor), Egypt's religious capital, we meet 24 Egyptians from all strata of society – from the king to the bread-maker, the priestess to the fisherman, the soldier to the midwife – and get to know what the real Egypt was like by spending an hour in their company. We encounter a different one of these characters every hour and in every chapter, and through their eyes see what an average day in ancient Egypt was really like.

Sales Points

- Get to know ancient Egypt through the people that lived there
- From the author of *Ancient Egypt on Five Deben a Day*
- Draws upon ancient sources to tell the tales of a cast of 24 lively characters
- Characters come from all strata of society to paint a complex picture of the social structure and fabric of Egyptian society
- This is accessible, personal, popular history for anyone interested in the ancient world

Reviews

- 'Lively and amusing [...] an engaging read. Ryan successfully makes this ancient civilisation more immediate and accessible.' - *Current World Archaeology*
- '[Donald] Ryan - who has worked in and on Egypt for decades, as an archaeologist, historian and popular writer - has succeeded in bringing all of his characters to life. This is a great little volume.' - *KMT Magazine*
- 'Very readable [...] its originality lies in the clever construction of the content. The variety of characters covered allows for a considerable breadth of information on life for the rich and the poor.' - *Ancient Egypt Magazine*

Author Biography

Donald P. Ryan, Ph.D. is an archaeologist and Faculty Fellow in the Division of Humanities at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. His work focuses on Egyptian archaeology, Polynesian archaeology, and ancient languages and scripts. His research in Egypt includes excavations in the Valley of the Kings, where he has discovered lost tombs and controversial mummies – Ryan excavated a tomb of one of the individuals to be featured in *24 Hours in Ancient Egypt*, Amenemope the vizier of the ruler Amenhotep II. In 2017, he rediscovered three lost tombs in the Valley of the Kings also associated with that same ruler.

Ryan is the author of several books and numerous scientific and popular articles on archaeological subjects, including *Ancient Egypt on Five Deben a Day*, *Beneath the Sands of Egypt* and *Ancient Egypt: The Basics*.

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