

# Suggested Books & Movies

## Books

*Lion of Jordan: The Life of King Hussein in War and Peace*  
Avi Shlaim; 2007

*Leap of Faith; Memoirs of an Unexpected Life*  
Her Majesty Queen Noor; 2003

*The Development of Trans-Jordan 1929 - 1939: A History of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*  
Maan Abu Nowar; 2004

*Married to a Bedouin*  
Marguerite van Geldermalsen; 2008

*Lawrence of Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*  
Scott Anderson; 2014

*Seven Pillars of Wisdom: A Triumph: The Complete 1922 Text*  
T. E. Lawrence; 2011

*Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell – Adventurer, Advisor to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia*  
Janet Wallach; 2005

*Bedouin; Nomads of the Desert*  
Alan Keohane; 2003

*1177 B.C., the Year Civilization Collapsed*  
Eric H. Cline; 2015

*Three Stones Make a Wall: The Story of Archaeology*  
Eric H. Cline; 2017

*The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut's Rise to Power in Ancient Egypt*  
Kara Cooney; 2015

*When Women Ruled the World: Six Queens of Egypt*  
Kara Cooney; 2018

*Khul-Khaal: Five Egyptian Women Tell Their Stories*  
Nayra Atiya; 2006

*Death on the Nile*  
Agatha Christie; originally published 1937

## Movies/TV filmed in or have their setting in Jordan and Egypt

*Lawrence of Arabia* – 1962 (Wadi Rum)

*Cleopatra* – 1963

*The Ten Commandments* – 1956

*The Mummy* – 1999

*The Mummy Returns* – 2001

*The Scorpion King* – 2002

*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* – 1989 (Petra)

*Agora* – 2009

*Kingdom of Heaven* – 2005

*The Prince of Egypt* – 1998

*Red Planet* – 2000 (Wadi Rum)

*Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* – 2009 (Wadi Rum, Petra, and Egypt)

*The Martian* – 2015 (Wadi Rum as Mars)

*Theeb* – 2014 (Wadi Rum)

*The Hurt Locker* – 2008 (Jordan, near the Iraq boarder)

*Prometheus* – 2011 (Wadi Rum)

*Stargate* – 1994

*Queen of the Desert* – 2015

*Tut* (TV miniseries) – 2015

*Death on the Nile* – 1978 (Nile River in Egypt)

*Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer* – 2007 (scenes shot in Giza, Egypt)

*The Spy Who Loved Me* – 1977 (various spots in Egypt)

*Rogue One* – 2016 (Wadi Rum as planet Jedha)

*Aladdin* – 2019 (Wadi Rum)

## Documentaries

*Secrets: The Sphinx*

2013 – Netflix

Featuring Stefanie's Egyptology professor, Melinda Hartwig, this 45 min. documentary present several lines of evidence about who built the Sphinx and why.

*Patterns of Evidence Exodus*

2014 – Netflix

Featuring several of our colleagues, this documentary proposes a controversial theory about the Exodus and when it took place. Please note that we **do not** support the theory given here, but there are some interesting pieces of evidence that do hold some weight as well as presenting the various interpretations and theories that we as Biblical archaeologists deal with on a frequent basis concerning evidence about Biblical events.

*Building Pharaoh's Chariot*

2013 – YouTube

Watch as a team of archaeologists, Egyptologists, engineers, woodworkers, and horse trainers join forces to build and test two highly accurate replicas of Egyptian royal chariots. A fascinating look at the astonishing engineering genius revealing that the Egyptian chariot created a crucial turning point in ancient military history.

*Egypt (TV series)*

2005 – YouTube

A BBC docudrama serial portraying events in the history of Egyptology from the 18<sup>th</sup> through the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The first two episodes explore the work of Howard Carter and his quest for King Tut's tomb. The next two episodes focus on the eccentric explorer "The Great Belzoni." The final two episodes dramatize the discovery and deciphering of the Rosetta Stone.

*Petra - Lost City of Stone*

2015 – YouTube

Watch an archaeologist and sculptors as they team up to carve an iconic temple-tomb to find out how the ancient people of Petra built their city of stone. Meanwhile, scientists using remote sensors and hydraulic flumes uncover the vast city and its sophisticated water system.

*Secrets of Saqqara Tomb*

2020 – Netflix

Documents the discovery of a 4,000 tomb of a Noble that was virtually untouched. Absolutely fascinating!

*Lost Treasures of Egypt*

2019 – Amazon Prime

A must see! An immersive action-packed series that documents international teams of archaeologists (many of whom we know!) conducting excavations in and around The Valley of the Kings in real time.

*The Story of Egypt*

2016 – Amazon Prime

This fascinating series follows the 5,000 years of Egyptian history with Egyptologist Joann Fletcher.