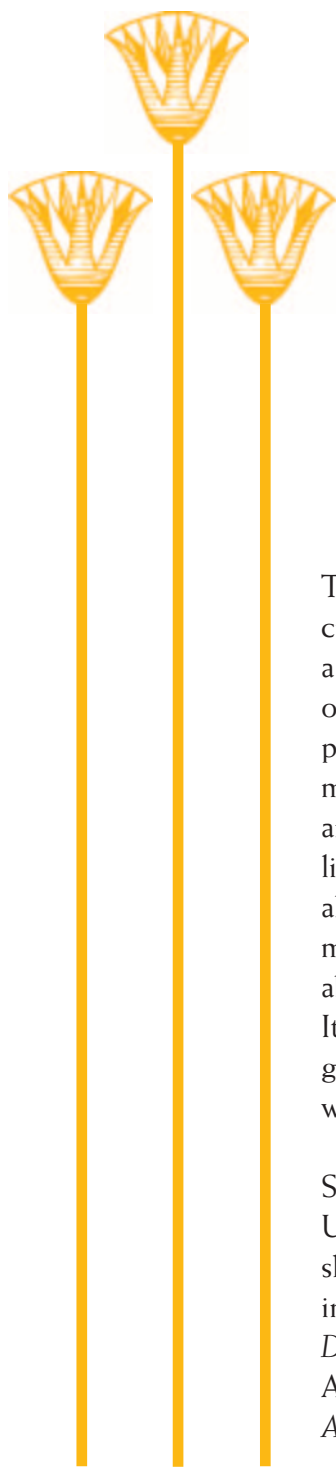


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Preface

The civilisation of ancient Egypt is one of the most compelling in this world and has attracted attention, both popular and scholarly, throughout the ages. Perhaps this is due to its awesome monumental architecture, its beautiful tomb paintings, or its beliefs in the continuity of life after death that resulted in the invention of mummification. Many specialist books have been written about different aspects of Egypt and its culture, but few books furnish a broad overview that makes all aspects of Egyptian civilisation accessible at a fundamental level. This book aims to provide readers with an introduction to ancient Egypt, setting the stage for their further study and investigation. It starts by introducing the reader to the geography and geology of the country and explaining how these have influenced Egypt's culture and history, and then it proceeds to chronicle the history of Egyptology and the methodologies employed by scholars to unravel Egypt's past. Subsequent chapters cover Egyptian religion, history, and social organization; the daily lives of Egypt's inhabitants; and, finally, Egyptian funerary customs. A chronology, glossary, list of Egyptological resources, and select bibliography provide further tools for an understanding and exploration of ancient Egypt. I hope that this book will give its readers a basic knowledge of one of the world's most fascinating cultures and will lead them to read more widely and deeply on the subject.

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Iwaenpanetjereintinehem- setpenptah-irimeryre- sekhemankhamun	Ptolemy XV Kaisaros	41–30

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The 5th Dynasty pyramid of Userkaf, with the 3rd Dynasty pyramid of Djoser in the background, at Saqqara. Photo Salima Ikram.

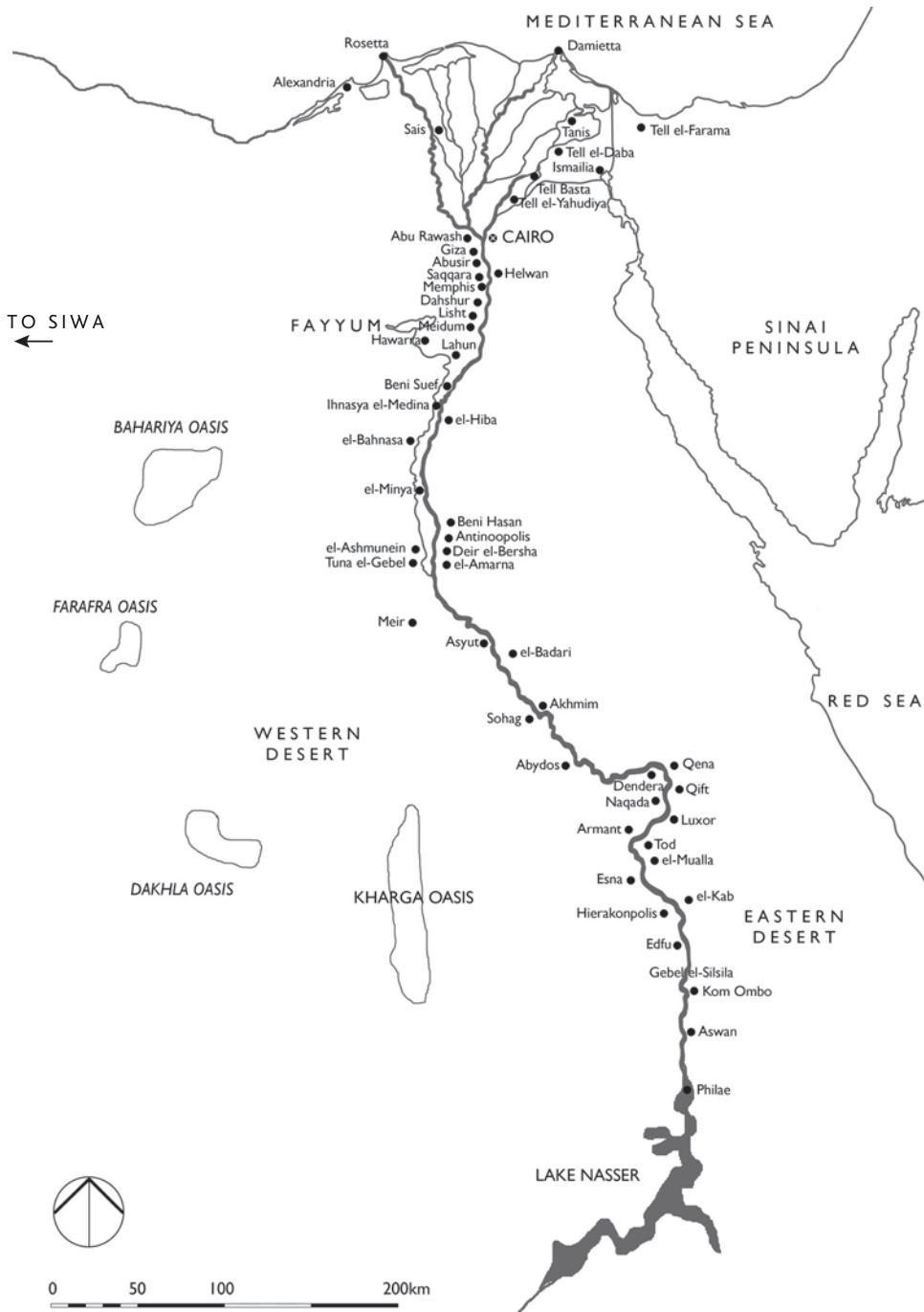


Figure 1. Map of Egypt showing the main sites. Drawing Nicholas Warner.