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## PREFACE



*The Cambridge History of Egypt* attempts to fill a gap in English-language treatment of Egyptian history since the Arab conquest. Given the long and continuing outside interest in Egypt, that such a treatment is overdue seems surprising; the very length of Egyptian history has inevitably led to its compartmentalization and to the increasing specialization of scholars interested in it. Essential, underlying continuities have sometimes therefore been obscured, while superficial points of demarcation have sometimes been exaggerated.

Advances in research in the last half-century amply justified the editors in undertaking this task. An explosion of interest in Egypt, the development of new disciplines and methods of academic research, and the increasing availability of Egyptian archival sources have led not only to important progress in the understanding of Egypt's past, but also to ever-increasing specialization in outlook, method, and, therefore, in the audiences to which historical writing has been addressed.

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This second volume of the *History* deals with “modern” Egypt, by which we mean Egypt since the Ottoman conquest in 1517 until the present day. The main object of this volume has been to bring together – from an increasingly wide spectrum of the humanities and social sciences – mainly younger scholars with an interest in the comprehensive, political, social and economic history of Egypt since the coming of the Ottomans. There have been particular needs to tie together periodical and monographic work on the earlier half of the period, before 1790, and to take account of new approaches from the social sciences; both political and socio-economic history, and indeed other fields have made increasingly important use of

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Egyptian archival sources, with consequences for both the focus and the results of historical research. Thus in terms of contributors, their backgrounds and research interests, their sources and their conclusions, this volume attempts not only to build upon the work of older scholarship but also to indicate present trends and future directions in historical writing on Egypt.

At various stages of this project the editor has had the generous assistance of William Murnane, Eberhard Kienle, Michaele Kennedy, and Marigold Acland and her colleagues at the Press, and the enthusiastic support and collaboration of Carl Petry.

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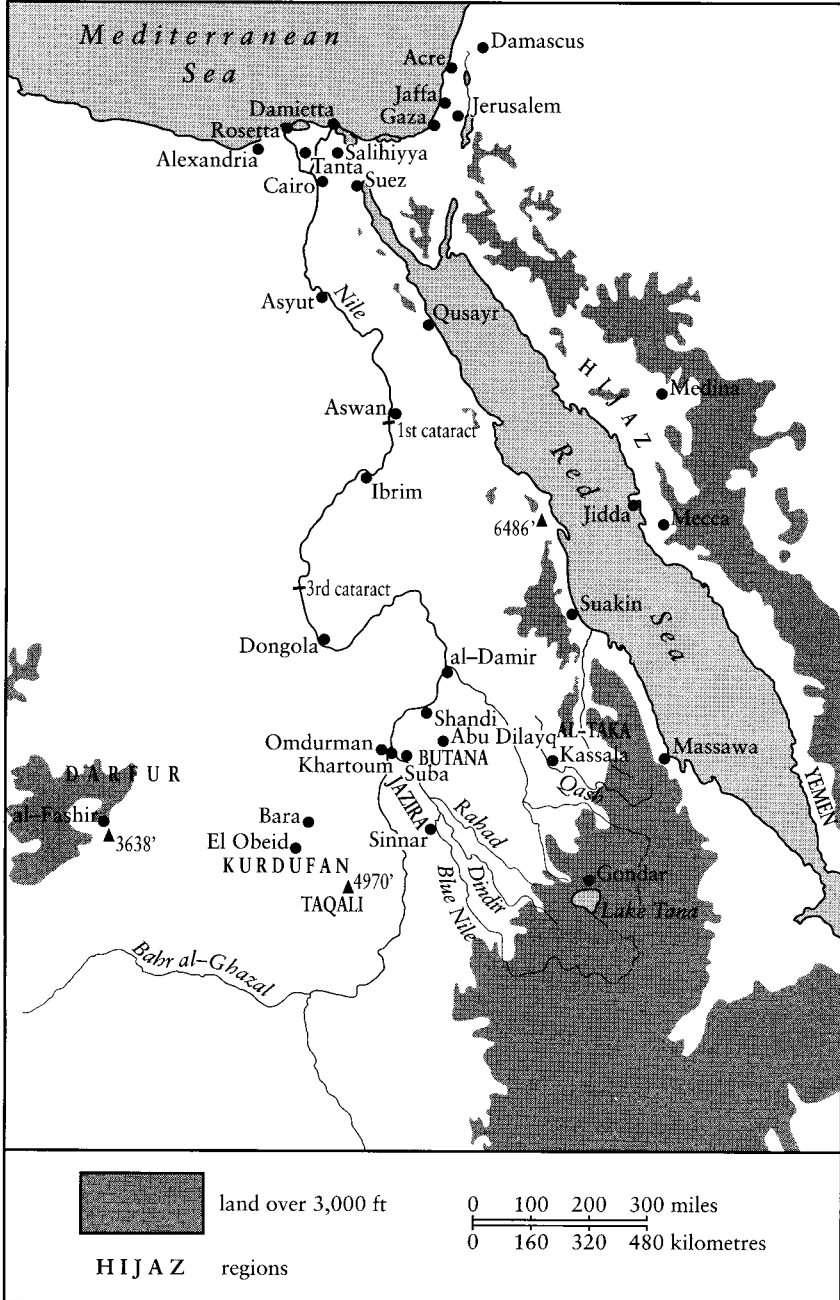
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