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A Guide to the Antiquities of Upper Egypt

The career of Arthur Weigall (1880–1934) encompassed Egyptology but also stage design, film criticism and journalism, as well as fiction and books about ancient Egypt. After studying in Germany, he worked at Abydos with Flinders Petrie, but in 1905 he was unexpectedly promoted to Chief Inspector of Antiquities for Upper Egypt, when Howard Carter was forced to resign. His work in Egypt, especially in the area of Luxor, focused on the conservation of monuments and the prevention of shipping of artefacts abroad, until 1911, when he returned to London. He did not revisit Egypt until, as a journalist, he covered the opening of Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922. In this 1910 guide, writing 'from careful and prolonged personal observation and thought', Weigall describes the less frequented ancient sites of Upper Egypt, beginning north of Thebes and descending to the Second Cataract and the Sudanese border.

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