

## MINOAN CRETE

Along with Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Levant, Minoan Crete was one of the primary cultures of the prehistoric Mediterranean world. In this book, L. Vance Watrous offers an up-to-date overview of this important ancient society. Using archaeological evidence from palaces, houses, surveys, caves, and mountain shrines, he describes and traces the development of Minoan Crete from the Neolithic era through the Late Bronze Age. Watrous also presents and interprets Minoan artworks in a range of media, including fresco paintings, pottery, and seals, and explains how Minoan Crete affected the culture of classical Greece.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AAA</i>	<i>Athens Annals of Archaeology</i>
<i>AJA</i>	<i>American Journal of Archaeology</i>
<i>Asatene</i>	<i>Annuario della Scuola archaeologica di Atene e delle Missioni italiane in Orient</i>
<i>BAR</i>	<i>British Archaeological Reports</i>
<i>BCH</i>	<i>Bulletin de Correspondance Hellenique</i>
<i>BSA</i>	<i>Annual of the British School at Athens</i>
<i>CMS</i>	<i>Corpus der minoischen und mykenischen Siegel</i>
<i>INSTAP</i>	Institute for the Study of Aegean Prehistory
<i>SAA</i>	Scuola Archaeologica di Atene
<i>SIMA</i>	<i>Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology</i>

## CHRONOLOGY

The chronology below is based on P. Warren and V. Hankey, *Aegean Bronze Chronology*, Bristol: Bristol Classical Press, 1985.

Neolithic	7000–3500 BC
Early Minoan I	3500–2900 BC
Early Minoan II	2900–2200 BC
Early Minoan III	2200–2100 BC
Middle Minoan IA	2100–1950 BC
Middle Minoan IB	1950–1850 BC
Middle Minoan II	1850–1700 BC
Middle Minoan III	1700–1600 BC
Late Minoan IA	1600–1500 BC
Late Minoan IB	1500–1425 BC
Late Minoan II	1425–1390 BC
Late Minoan IIIA	1390–1330 BC
Late Minoan IIIB	1330–1200 BC
Late Minoan IIIC	1200–1050 BC