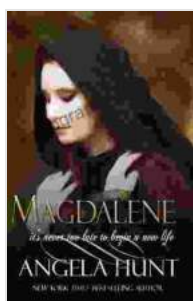


# Magdalene Angela Hunt: The Forgotten Woman Behind the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb

Magdalene Angela Hunt was an English archaeologist and Egyptologist who played a significant role in the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Although her contributions were largely overlooked, her work was essential to the success of the excavation. This article explores Hunt's life, work, and the impact she had on the field of Egyptology.



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## Early Life and Education

Magdalene Angela Hunt was born in 1874 in Winchester, England. She was the daughter of a clergyman, and she grew up in a religious household. Hunt was a bright and curious child, and she developed a passion for archaeology at a young age. She studied archaeology at the

University of Oxford, where she was one of the first women to earn a degree in the field.

## **Work in Egypt**

After graduating from Oxford, Hunt worked as an archaeologist in Egypt for several years. She excavated several important sites, including the tomb of Queen Hatshepsut and the Temple of Karnak. In 1922, Hunt was invited to join Howard Carter's team of archaeologists who were excavating the Valley of the Kings. Carter was hoping to find the tomb of Tutankhamun, a young pharaoh who had died mysteriously in 1323 BC.

Hunt played a vital role in the excavation. She was responsible for recording the finds, and she also helped to excavate the tomb's burial chamber. Hunt was the first person to enter the burial chamber, and she was the one who discovered the sarcophagus of Tutankhamun. The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb was one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. It shed new light on the life and death of the young pharaoh, and it provided a wealth of information about ancient Egyptian culture.

## **Later Career**

After the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, Hunt continued to work as an archaeologist in Egypt for several years. She excavated several other important sites, including the tomb of the pharaoh Akhenaten. In 1933, Hunt returned to England, where she worked as a curator at the British Museum. She retired from the British Museum in 1954.

## **Legacy**

Magdalene Angela Hunt was a pioneering archaeologist who made significant contributions to the field of Egyptology. Her work on the excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb was essential to the success of the project. Hunt was a talented and dedicated archaeologist, and her work has helped to shed new light on the ancient world.

Magdalene Angela Hunt was a remarkable woman who made significant contributions to the field of archaeology. Her work on the excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb was essential to the success of the project, and her contributions to Egyptology are still felt today. Hunt is a role model for women in STEM fields, and her story is an inspiration to us all.



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