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Murder or myth?

Hidden in the hieroglyphics lie the secrets behind the death of the famous pharaoh king

Open the door into the golden world of the pharaohs and descend upon the myths and intrigue of ancient Egypt, with **The Rough Guide to Tutankhamun**.

Ruling over Egypt during its most dynamic period, the young pharaoh is the only member of the Egyptian dynasty whose tomb was found intact. In an exhibition this November, over a hundred of the items found in the tomb will be on display - many of which have never been seen in England.

With detailed explanations and photographs of many of the exhibits soon to be holding court in London, **The Rough Guide to Tutankhamun** will plunge you back into the world behind the pyramids, from the opulence and riches, to the discoverers, the fabled curse, and the true cause of the pharaoh's death.

Unravel the Curse of Tutankhamun

Tutankhamun died mysteriously at the age of 19, leaving a curse behind for anyone who touched his tomb. When Carnarvon, one of the first explorers to enter the tomb, died in 1939 all the lights in Egypt went out plunging the country into unexplainable darkness.

After Tutankhamun's sudden death, the Egyptians, in their haste to bury the body, were forced to use the death mask of another wealthy man, and you can still see the line where the original face was cut out and replaced by the pharaoh king.

Speculation about Tutankhamun's death is surrounded by dark motives and suspicions, with anthropologists citing murder, poisoning and a crushing accident as possible causes of death. Through dramatic investigations, culminating in a CT scan of Tutankhamun's mummy, scientists can now reveal the true cause of the pharaoh's death.

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