The royal necropolis of New Kingdom Egypt, known as the Valley of the Kings (KV), is one of the most important--and celebrated--archaeological sites in the world. Kent Weeks is Emeritus Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, and author or editor of twelve books on ancient Egypt. Contributors Much has transpired in the study and exploration of the Valley of the Kings over the last few years. Several major discoveries have been made, notably the many-chambered KV5 (tomb of the sons of Ramesses II) and KV 63, a previously unknown tomb found in the heart of the valley. Many areas of the royal valley have been explored for the first time using new technologies, revealing ancient huts, shrines, and stelae. New studies of the DNA, filiation, cranio-facial reconstructions, and other aspects of the royal mummies have produced important and sometimes controversial results. This book was bloody expensive, and I only bought it after my day one (our of two) in the Valley of the Kings. The royal necropolis of New Kingdom Egypt, known as the Valley of the Kings (KV), is one of the most important-and celebrated-archaeological sites in the world. Located on the west bank of the Nile river, about three miles west of modern Luxor, the valley is home to more than sixty tombs, all dating to the second millennium BCE. The most famous of these is the tomb of Tutankhamun, first discovered by Howard Carter in 1922. Other famous pharaoh’s interred here include Hatshepsut, the only queen found in the valley, and Ramesses II, ancient Egypt’s greatest ruler. And finally, the book needed a good reading before publishing. I found a number of editing flubs in only a couple of chapters. Did not impact the content, but, once again left me scratching my head and wondering “Oxford, what happened?” Overall, this is THE volume on the topic. Terrific, but not perfect. From the Geological formation of the Valley through to its use as a burial place for kings and their favourites, too its decline and eventual abandonment as a royal necropolis. Recommended for those of us who have visited the Valley and wish to know more about it. Read more. Report abuse.