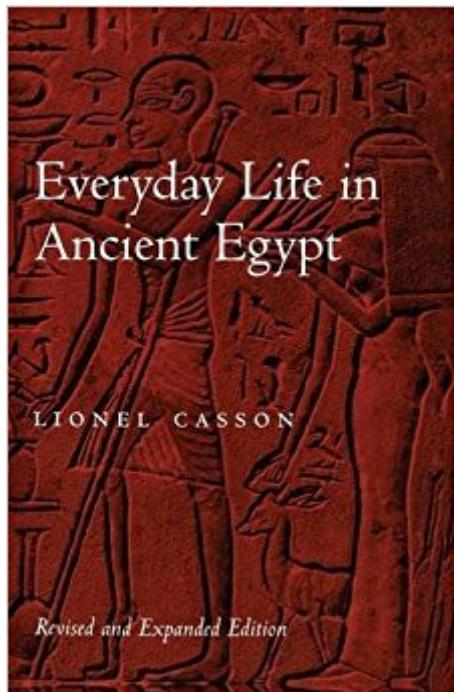


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# Everyday Life In Ancient Egypt



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I bought this on the strength of Casson's \*Everyday Life in Ancient Rome\*, which was very compellingly written. This is also, but it's not quite as riveting as the Rome book. The same level of detail is not there, and the narrative did not make Egypt come alive in quite the same way that Rome did. I think it's just that much harder to write this kind of history the further you go back in time, or perhaps Casson wasn't as much of a deep expert on Egypt that he was on Rome. It's still good, but not quite as vivid.

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