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The Buried An Archaeology Of The Egyptian Revolution By Peter Hessler gets to watch the history of this grand city unfold, one day at a time.â€• â€” **Wall Street Journal** â€œBeautiful and heartbreaking. Readers of his books on China will know that Hessler has a genius for structuring a narrative. Here he has crafted a miraculously coherent arc out of several disparate themes: the political upheaval that accompanied the Arab Spring, the lives of a handful of ordinary Egyptians, and his own education in the language of contemporary Egypt and its ancient archaeology, to name just a few . . . Every page is vivid and engaging, and each chapter packs in surprises . . . The greatest contribution of *The Buried* to the shelf of English-language books on the Arab Spring is the intimately detailed depictions it provides of a handful of ordinary, politically disengaged Cairenes trying to steer their way through the chaos.â€• â€” **David D. Kirkpatrick, *Literary Review***â€œAt once engrossing and illuminating. . . . Adroitly combining the color and pacing of travel writing and investigative journalism with the tools and insight of anthropological fieldwork and political theory, this stakes a strong claim to being the definitive book to emerge from the Egyptian revolution.â€• â€” **Publishers Weekly, starred review**â€œNuanced and deeply intelligentâ€”a view of Egyptian politics that sometimes seems to look at everything but and that opens onto an endlessly complex place and people.â€• â€” **Kirkus, starred review** â€œA fascinating journey . . . This is writing at its best and highly recommended for anyone interested in Egypt, modern or ancient.â€• â€” **Library Journal, starred review** â€œIn *The Buried*, Peter Hessler brings to life the secret history of the Arab Spring, masterfully weaving together a memoir of his time in Cairo with the hidden, intimate lives of ordinary Egyptians. With lyrical prose, Hessler introduces us to a side of the Middle East we never see in news accounts: an enterprising garbage collector, a gay man skirting police repression, an Arabic language instructor nostalgic for the countryâ€™s socialist past. These stories unfold on the backdrop of Egyptâ€™s 5,000-year-old history, as we learn about the parallels Egyptians draw to their pharaonic past. Witty and deeply humane, *The Buried* is unlike any other book Iâ€™ve read about the Egyptian revolution, and stands

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The Buried An Archaeology Of The Egyptian Revolution By Peter Hessler as a remarkable testament to the country's extraordinary history and to the struggle for human freedom.

• **Anand Gopal, author of *No Good Men Among the Living: America, the Taliban, and the War Through Afghan Eyes***—Peter Hessler is one of the finest storytellers of his generation. The beauty of his writing is subtle and cumulative—it gets under your skin. After his years in China, Hessler moved with his family to Cairo during the electric, chaotic days of protests in Tahrir Square. Through him, you come to know many Egyptians as he came to know them—casually, intimately, forming deepening ties. And through them you experience Egypt's turbulent recent history as it was happening, as it felt to live through it.

• **Larissa MacFarquhar, author of *Strangers Drowning: Impossible Idealism, Drastic Choices, and the Urge to Help***—The Buried is the kind of book that you don't want to end and won't forget. With the eye of a great storyteller—Peter Hessler weaves together history, reporting, memoir, and above all the lives of ordinary people in a beautiful and haunting portrait of Egypt and its Revolution.

• **Ben Rhodes, author of *The World As It is: A Memoir of the Obama White House***—The Buried is wonderfully impressive, not a conventional travel book at all, but the chronicle of a family's residence in Egypt, in a time of revolution—years of turmoil in this maddening place. And yet Peter Hessler remains unflustered as he learns the language, makes friends, puts up with annoyances (rats, water shortages, mendacity) and delves into the politics of the present and the ancient complexities. It is in all senses archeology—tenacious, revelatory, and humane.

• **Paul Theroux** — Peter Hessler is a staff writer at the New Yorker, where he served as Beijing correspondent from 2000-2007 and Cairo correspondent from 2011-2016. He is also a contributing writer for National Geographic. He is the author of *River Town*, which won the Kiriya Book Prize, *Oracle Bones*, which was a finalist for the National Book Award, *Country Driving*, and *Strange Stones*. He won the 2008 National Magazine Award for excellence in reporting." the buried an archaeology of the

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