The last ten years have seen some of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries ever made in Alexandria, the legendary Egyptian city founded by Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. Presented here is a full account of these extraordinary finds and of the exciting expeditions that led to their discovery. Located on the northwestern end of the Nile River Delta, Alexandria was the greatest of Hellenistic cities and was a major center of Jewish and Christian culture. Athens equal and political rival to Rome, Alexandria awed ancient travelers with its wealth, size, and cultural prestige. But unlike Athens and Rome, practically no visible trace of this splendid city remains, and, despite over a hundred years of archaeological efforts, the results have generally been considered meager. Recent excavations, however, have yielded an unexpected wealth of information. Directed by the French archaeologist Jean-Yves Empereur and conducted with the most modern methods, these digs have greatly enriched our knowledge of the art and architecture of Alexandria and of the lives and living conditions of its inhabitants.

My Personal Review:
I was born in Egypt by Italian Parents, and loved archeology from the moment I understood what archeology was all about. I used to play at Quit Bey on the jetty were now you need special passes to go fishing. My parents and I loved going there. I also sailed there in the small harbor and one day with low tides the boat marooned. I jumped and started pushing while the skipper maneuvered the boat. I screamed at one point and told my skipper that I was stepping on a big human head. Everybody thought that I had a sun stroke. I insisted and everybody made fun of me. Years passed and last year I purchased the book of Mr. Empereur. I loved the way he took the pictures, presented the subjects, and it was not a technical book. It took me through the streets of Alex where I grew up. Then later in the year I went to Alexandria and met Mr. Empereur. A charming French gentlemen, and an archaeologist with a tremendous
knowledge of Alexandria and its history. I told the story of the human head in the small harbor and I later saw it. It was in the Alexandria Museum. I also visited most of the locations narrated in the book. It is incredible how Mr. Empereur recreated the old Alexandria in this book. There are certain sections and articles in the book in which we tourist and regular people can no longer visit, Highways have been constructed on top of old remains. Therefore I suggest and strongly recommend this book for those who love Egyptian Archeology to read this book. It is another part of Egypt that unfortunately has not been advertised as much. Just keep in mind when you read this book who founded Alexandria. You will also find pictures of the underwater artifacts in the small harbor. The actual Alexandria is built on several layers of old cities. Greek, Roman, Ottoman. When there is a permit to demolish or rebuild on certain lots in Alexandria, archaeologist only then can have a look underneath. They have a very short time to dig, remove precious artifacts and then the construction takes place. The book also has an entire section on the outskirts of Alexandria, which is extremely interesting because it provides the information of a lighthouse at Taposiris Magna were it seems the idea of the Pharos of Alexandria came to be. There is also an entire article of Lake Mareotis or the now called Lake Mariut, outside of Alexandria. Here in ancient times wine was made, then put in jars. Shipped to Cyprus through the Mariut harbour. There are also the water cisterns which is becoming one huge project that Mr. Empereur is working on. You will go back in time with this book and you will wish to go and visit Alexandria sometimes. A beautiful city with so many intellectuals and artists, different cultures and religions. Just as Alexander would have wanted it to be.

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