



## The Painted Tomb-chapel of Nebamun: Masterpieces of Ancient Egyptian Art in the British Museum

By Richard Parkinson, Kevin Lovelock

British Museum Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Painted Tomb-chapel of Nebamun: Masterpieces of Ancient Egyptian Art in the British Museum, Richard Parkinson, Kevin Lovelock, The paintings from Nebamun's tomb chapel are among the greatest and most famous of the British Museum's treasures. Yet much about them remains mysterious, and this book is concerned with the detective work undertaken to help us to understand and see them properly before they are displayed in a new permanent gallery in 2008. For this the paintings are being conserved and remounted in the Museum's specialist laboratories, a process that is revealing radical new information about painting techniques in ancient Egypt. This, together with archival work, is helping us to solve the problem of the tomb-chapel's location at Thebes, last seen in the 1820s when the paintings were removed. Richard Parkinson discusses each painting fully, with reconstructions and translations of the hieroglyphic texts, a discussion of the other known fragments (now in Berlin and Avignon) and a reconstruction of the whole tomb chapel. Every fragment is fully illustrated in color, doing full justice to an artist who has been described as antiquity's equivalent of Michelangelo.



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The Tomb of Nebamun from the Dynasty XVIII was located in the Theban Necropolis located on the west bank of the Nile at Thebes (present-day Luxor), in Egypt.[1] The tomb was the source of a number of famous decorated tomb scenes that are currently on display in the British Museum, London.[1][2]. Nebamun (c 1350 BCE) was a middle-ranking official scribe and grain counter at the temple complex in Thebes.Â Salt sold these works to the British Museum in 1821, though some of other fragments became located in Berlin and possibly Cairo. Dâ€™Athanasia later died in poverty without ever revealing the tombâ€™s exact location.[3].Â ^ Philip McCouat, "Lost masterpieces of ancient Egyptian art from the Nebamun tomb-chapel" Journal of Art in Society <http://artinsociety.com>.