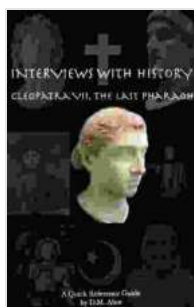


# Cleopatra VII: The Last Pharaoh - Interviews with History

Cleopatra VII was the last pharaoh of Egypt. She was a powerful and charismatic ruler who played a major role in the history of the Roman Republic. In this article, we will explore her life and legacy through the lens of interviews with historians and experts.



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## Early Life

Cleopatra was born in 69 BC to Ptolemy XII Auletes, the king of Egypt. Her mother was Cleopatra V Tryphaena, the daughter of Ptolemy IX Lathyros. Cleopatra was the youngest of her father's three children, and she had two older sisters, Berenice IV and Arsinoe IV.

Cleopatra's early life was marked by political turmoil. Her father was overthrown by the Roman general Pompey in 58 BC, and Cleopatra and

her family were forced to flee to Rome. They returned to Egypt in 55 BC after Pompey's defeat at the Battle of Pharsalus, but Ptolemy XII died shortly thereafter, leaving Cleopatra and her brother Ptolemy XIII as joint rulers.

## **Reign**

Cleopatra's reign was marked by a number of significant events. In 48 BC, she formed an alliance with Julius Caesar, the Roman dictator. Caesar helped Cleopatra to defeat her brother Ptolemy XIII, and he made her the sole ruler of Egypt. Cleopatra and Caesar had a son together, Ptolemy XV Caesarion, who was born in 47 BC.

After Caesar's assassination in 44 BC, Cleopatra allied herself with Mark Antony, one of Caesar's generals. Antony and Cleopatra had a son together, Alexander Helios, who was born in 40 BC. Antony and Cleopatra were defeated by Octavian, Caesar's adopted son, at the Battle of Actium in 31 BC. Cleopatra committed suicide in 30 BC, and Egypt became a province of the Roman Empire.

## **Legacy**

Cleopatra is one of the most famous figures in history. She has been portrayed in countless works of art, literature, and film. She is often seen as a symbol of beauty, power, and ambition.

Cleopatra's legacy is complex and controversial. She has been praised for her intelligence, charisma, and political skills. However, she has also been criticized for her ruthlessness and ambition. Ultimately, Cleopatra was a complex and fascinating figure who played a major role in the history of the Roman Republic.

## Interviews with Historians and Experts

In order to gain a better understanding of Cleopatra's life and legacy, we spoke to a number of historians and experts. Here are some of their insights:



***“Cleopatra was a brilliant politician and diplomat. She was able to navigate the complex world of Roman politics and maintain her independence for many years.***

***Dr. Joyce Tyldesley, Egyptologist”***



***“Cleopatra was a complex and contradictory figure. She was intelligent, ambitious, and ruthless. She was also a loving mother and a loyal friend.***

***Dr. Stacy Schiff, historian”***



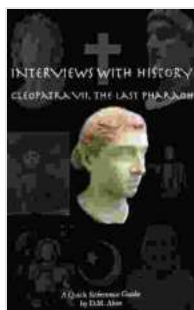
***“Cleopatra's legacy is still debated today. She has been praised as a great ruler, but she has also been criticized for her ambition and ruthlessness.***

***Dr. Peter Green, historian”***

Cleopatra VII was a powerful and charismatic ruler who played a major role in the history of the Roman Republic. She was a complex and contradictory figure, and her legacy is still debated today. Through the lens of interviews with historians and experts, we have gained a better understanding of her life and legacy.

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**\* \*\*Cleopatra VII portrait:\*\*** Cleopatra VII, the last pharaoh of Egypt, was known for her beauty and intelligence. **\* \*\*Cleopatra VII and Caesar:\*\*** Cleopatra VII formed an alliance with Julius Caesar, the Roman dictator, and had a son with him. **\* \*\*Cleopatra VII and Antony:\*\*** Cleopatra VII later allied herself with Mark Antony, one of Caesar's generals, and had a son with him. **\* \*\*Cleopatra VII death:\*\*** Cleopatra VII committed suicide in 30 BC after her defeat by Octavian, Caesar's adopted son.



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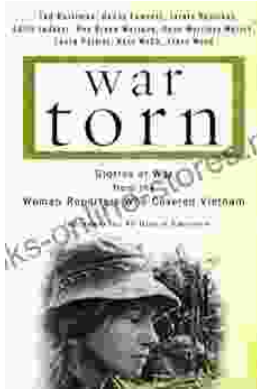
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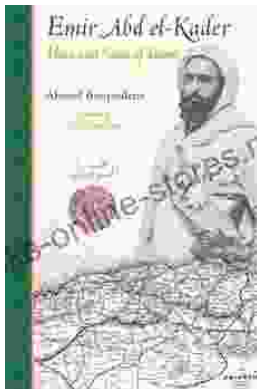
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