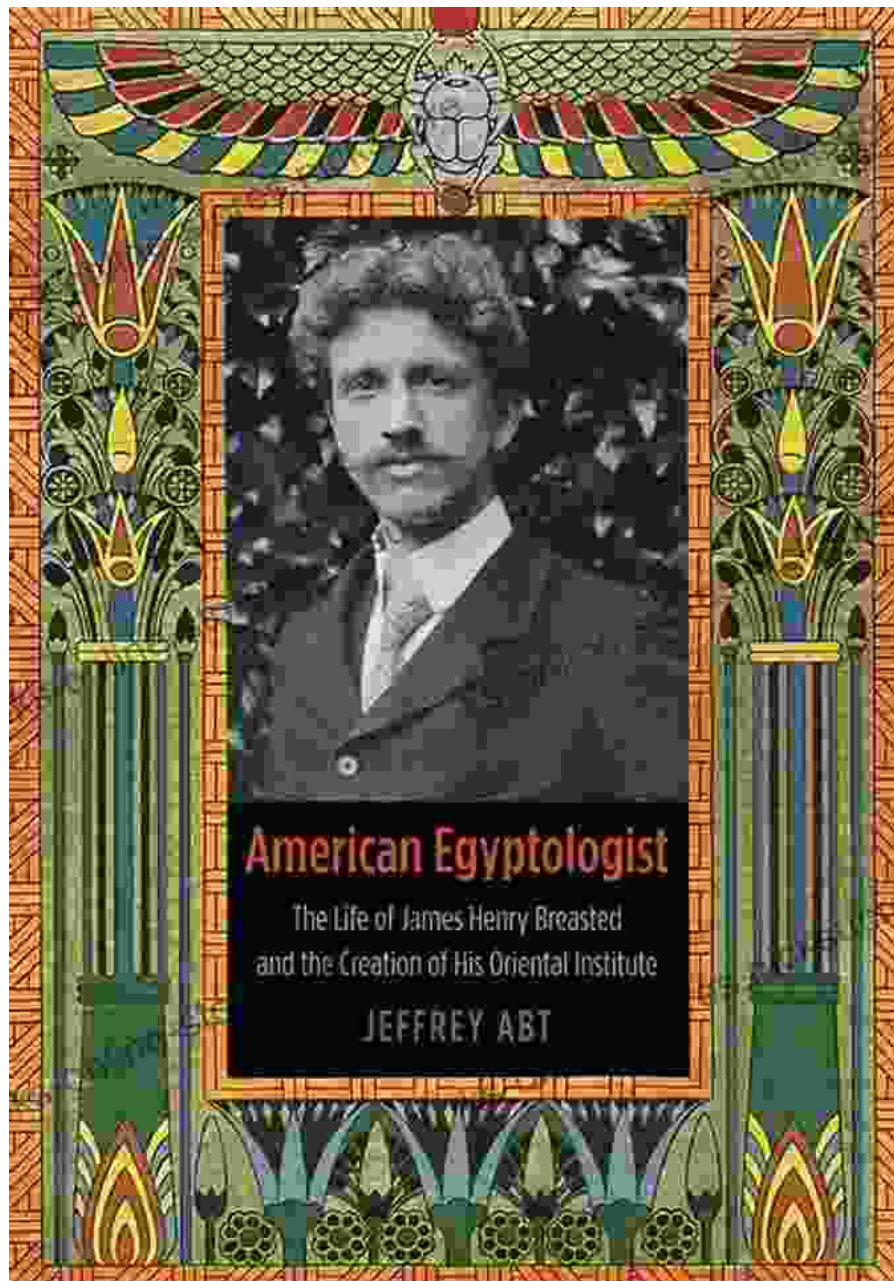
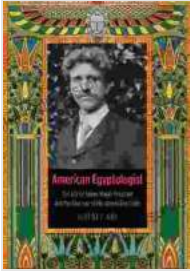


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Early Life and Education

James Henry Breasted was born on August 27, 1865, in Rockford, Illinois. His father was a Congregationalist minister and his mother was a schoolteacher. Breasted was a bright and inquisitive child, and he developed a passion for history and archaeology at an early age.

Breasted attended Yale University, where he studied history and Semitic languages. He graduated in 1888 and then went on to study Egyptology at the University of Berlin. In 1894, he became the first American to receive a doctorate in Egyptology.

Career

After completing his studies, Breasted returned to the United States and began teaching Egyptology at the University of Chicago. In 1894, he founded the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, which quickly became one of the leading centers for the study of ancient Egypt.

Breasted was a prolific scholar and author. He wrote over 30 books and 500 articles on Egyptology. His most famous work is *Ancient Records of Egypt*, a five-volume collection of translated Egyptian texts.

Breasted was also a pioneer in the field of archaeological excavation. He led several expeditions to Egypt, and he helped to excavate some of the most important archaeological sites in the country. His work helped to shed new light on the history and culture of ancient Egypt.

Legacy

James Henry Breasted is considered to be the father of American Egyptology. He helped to establish the field as a legitimate academic discipline, and he trained a generation of scholars who went on to make their own significant contributions to the field.

The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago is a testament to Breasted's legacy. The institute is one of the leading centers for the study of ancient Egypt in the world, and it continues to train scholars and conduct research on the history and culture of ancient Egypt.

James Henry Breasted died on December 2, 1935. He is buried in the Oriental Institute's courtyard, surrounded by the artifacts that he helped to excavate.

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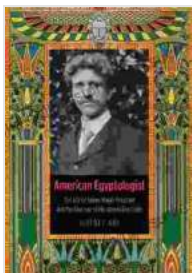
Here are some additional facts about James Henry Breasted:

- Breasted was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences.

- He was the first president of the American Oriental Society.
- He received the Gold Medal of the Royal Asiatic Society.
- The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago houses the Breasted Library, which is one of the largest collections of Egyptological literature in the world.

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