



When Science Sheds Light on History: Forensic Science and Anthropology (Paperback)

By Philippe Charlier

University Press of Florida, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Translation. Language: English . Brand New Book. Did Richard the Lionheart really die from just a crossbow wound, or was there foul play? Who are the two infant children buried in Tutankhamen s tomb? Could a skull found in a tax collector s attic be the long-lost head of Henri IV? In When Science Sheds Light on History, Philippe Charlier, the Indiana Jones of the graveyards, travels the globe with his forensics team to unravel these and other historic mysteries. To get answers, Charlier looks for clues in medical records, death masks, fingerprints, and bloodstains. He even enlists the help of perfume experts to smell and identify embalming materials. He reconstructs the face of Robespierre and analyzes charred bones attributed to Joan of Arc. He identifies toxic levels of gold in the hair of Diane de Poitiers, mistress of Henri II, and mercury poisoning in the body of Agnes Sorel, the most beautiful woman in fifteenth-century France. Charlier also pieces together the stories of people whose names and lives have long been forgotten. He investigates Stone Age graves, medieval necropolises, and museum collections. Playing the role of both crime scene investigator...

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