

Tutankhamun in Portugal. Reports in the Portuguese press (1922- 1939)

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The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter and his sponsor Lord Carnarvon on the 4th of November of 1922 was reported by the international press worldwide in an unusual and unprecedented way, making this pharaoh and the main players in this "wonderful discovery in the Valley" well known to millions of readers.

The historical and material wealth of this fantastic archaeological discovery did not also go unnoticed in the Portuguese press of the time, especially in the 1920s. Newspapers and magazines in Portugal widely reported not only the work on the tomb and the artefacts discovered, but also the episodes, with a strongly superstitious character, associated with the death of the patron Lord Carnarvon.

The aim of this presentation, made in the context of the research project entitled "*Tutankhamun in Portugal. Reports in the Portuguese press (1922- 1939)*", is to outline how the discovery of the tomb of the pharaoh Tutankhamun was present in the Portuguese press, considering that its disclosure was an important way to bring ancient Egypt closer to the Portuguese people of the 1920s and 1930s.

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