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The Man Who Deciphered Linear B: The Story of Michael Ventris Springer Science & Business Media

This new edition of *Anthology of Classical Myth* offers selections from key Near Eastern texts—the Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh, Epic of Creation (Enuma Elish), and Atrahasis; the Hittite Song of Emergence; and the flood story from the book of Genesis—thereby enabling students to explore the many similarities between ancient Greek and Mesopotamian mythology and enhancing its reputation as the best and most complete collection of its kind.

**The Linear B Decipherment Controversy Re-Examined** Harper Collins

A comprehensive account of the language of Ancient Greek civilization in a single volume, with contributions from leading international scholars covering the historical, geographical, sociolinguistic, and literary perspectives of the language. A collection of 36 original essays by a team of international scholars Treats the survival and transmission of Ancient Greek Includes discussions on phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics

*Pushing the Boundaries of Historia* SUNY Press

Originally published in 1971, this is the important fourth edition of scholarly research into the Linear B tablets from Knossos.

*Three Hundred Selected Tablets from Knossos, Pylos, and Mycenae with Commentary and Vocabulary* Routledge

*Women in Mycenaean Greece* is the first book-length study of women in the Linear B tablets from Mycenaean Greece and the only to collect and compile all the references to women in the documents of the two best attested sites of Late Bronze Age Greece - Pylos on the Greek mainland and Knossos on the island of Crete. The book offers a systematic analysis of women's tasks, holdings, and social and economic status in the Linear B tablets dating from the 14th and 13th centuries BCE, identifying how Mycenaean women functioned in the economic institutions where they were best attested - production, property control, land tenure, and cult. Analysing all references to women in the Mycenaean documents, the book focuses on the ways in which the economic institutions of these Bronze Age palace states were gendered and effectively extends the framework for the study of women in Greek antiquity back more than 400 years.

Throughout, the book seeks to establish whether gender practices were uniform in the Mycenaean states or differed from site to site and to gauge the relationship of the roles and status of Mycenaean women to their Archaic and Classical counterparts to test if the often-proposed theories of a more egalitarian Bronze Age accurately reflect the textual evidence. The Linear B tablets offer a unique, if under-utilized, point of entry into women's history in ancient Greece, documenting nearly 2000 women performing over fifty task assignments. From their decipherment in 1952 one major gap in the scholarly record remained: a full accounting of the women who inhabited the palace states and their tasks, ranks, and economic contributions. *Women in Mycenaean Greece* fills that gap recovering how class, rank, and other social markers created status hierarchies among women, how women as a group functioned relative to men, and where different localities conformed or diverged in their gender practices.

*The Riddle of the Labyrinth* Cambridge University Press

Revealing the secrets of Linear B uncovers fascinating details of an ancient civilisation.

*A Companion to the Ancient Greek Language* John Wiley & Sons

“ Highly readable . . . a fitting tribute to the quiet outsider who taught the professionals their business and increased our knowledge of the human past. ” —*Archaeology Odyssey* More than a

century ago, in 1900, one of the great archaeological finds of all time was made in Crete. Arthur Evans discovered what he believed was the palace of King Minos, with its notorious labyrinth, home of the Minotaur. As a result, Evans became obsessed with one of the epic intellectual stories of the modern era: the search for the meaning of Linear B, the mysterious script found on clay tablets in the ruined palace. Evans died without achieving his objective, and it was left to the enigmatic Michael Ventris to crack the code in 1952. This is the first book to tell not just the story of Linear B but also that of the young man who deciphered it. Based on hundreds of unpublished letters, interviews with survivors, and other primary sources, Andrew Robinson's riveting account takes the reader through the life of this intriguing and contradictory man. Stage by stage, we see how Ventris finally achieved the breakthrough that revealed Linear B as the earliest comprehensible European writing system.

*Inaugural Lecture Delivered 15 April 1959* Oxbow Books

The first book to explore the development and importance of writing in ancient Cypriot society over 1,500 years.

*Linear B (The decipherment of linear B, dt.) Die Entzifferung d. Mykenischen Schrift* Cambridge University Press

Describes the Mycenaean and Minoan civilizations that developed on the Grecian mainland and on Crete during the Late Bronze Age

*The Decipherment of Linear B* Thames & Hudson

This book is a comprehensive up-to-date survey of the Aegean Bronze Age, from its beginnings to the period following the collapse of the Mycenaean palace system. In essays by leading authorities commissioned especially for this volume, it covers the history and the material culture of Crete, Greece, and the Aegean Islands from c.3000 – 1100 BCE, as well as topics such as trade, religions, and economic administration. Intended as a reliable, readable introduction for university students, it will also be useful to scholars in related fields within and outside classics. The contents of this book are arranged chronologically and geographically, facilitating comparison between the different cultures. Within this framework, the cultures of the Aegean Bronze Age are assessed thematically and combine both material culture and social history.

*The Impact of the Decipherment of the Linear B Script on Linguistic and Historical Studies* Routledge

After successfully deciphering the Rongorongo script of Easter Island, Steven Roger Fischer gained a unique place in the pantheon of glyphbreakers: he is the only person to have deciphered not one but two ancient scripts. Both of these scripts yield clues of great historical importance. Fischers previous decipherment, of a Cretan artefact called the Phaistos Disk, provided the key to the ancient Minoan language and showed it to be closely related to Mycenaean Greek. Fischer's decipherment of Rongorongo shows that it was not merely a mnemonic device for recalling memorised texts, but was actually read and used for creative composition. This is the exciting story of these two decipherments, by the man who now must rank as the greatest glyphbreaker of all time.

*Linear B and Related Scripts* Cambridge University Press

This introduction is suitable for the student with some knowledge of Greek who wishes to have access to Linear B material. Part One places the development of the Linear B script against its historical background; the earlier varieties of Aegean writing are discussed, and Ventris' decipherment of Linear B is described and the Mycenaean dialect of Greek is examined. In Part two, the reader is taken through a number of important Linear B texts. These are presented first in a 'normalised' transcription of the Linear B characters, so as to induce familiarity with the lay-out of the original texts, secondly in transliteration, and thirdly in translation where this is possible.

*An Introduction* Univ of California Press

Examines the evidence for the phonetic value of individual Linear B characters.

*The Decipherment of Linear B.* Chadwick Cambridge University Press

Ground-breaking analysis of the Linear B undeciphered signs shedding light on the writing system and the activities of its writers.

*Lost Languages* Cambridge University Press

Investigates famous examples of unsolved scripts and codes, in an account that recalls the stories of three forefront decipherments including the Egyptian hieroglyphs, the Maya glyphs, and the Minoan Linear B clay tablets before sharing the stories of such uncracked codes as the Indus script, the Etruscan language, and the Rongorongo script. Reprint.

*Linear A & The Decipherment of Minoan Language* Bristol Classical Press

*The Decipherment of Linear B* Cambridge University Press

*Anthology of Classical Myth* Cambridge University Press

In the tradition of Simon Winchester and Dava Sobel, *The Riddle of the Labyrinth: The Quest to Crack an Ancient Code* tells one of the most intriguing stories in the history of language, masterfully blending history, linguistics, and cryptology with an elegantly wrought narrative. When famed archaeologist Arthur Evans unearthed the ruins of a sophisticated Bronze Age civilization that flowered on Crete 1,000 years before Greece's Classical Age, he discovered a cache of ancient tablets, Europe's earliest written records. For half a century, the meaning of the inscriptions, and even the language in which they were written, would remain a mystery. Award-winning New York Times journalist Margalit Fox's riveting real-life intellectual detective story travels from the Bronze Age Aegean—the era of Odysseus, Agamemnon, and Helen—to the turn of the 20th century and the work of charismatic English archaeologist Arthur Evans, to the colorful personal stories of the decipherers. These include Michael Ventris, the brilliant amateur who deciphered the script but met with a sudden, mysterious death that may have been a direct consequence of the decipherment; and Alice Kober, the unsung heroine of the story whose painstaking work allowed Ventris to crack the code.

*The Decipherment of Linear B* The Decipherment of Linear B

Recounts the discovery of Minoan Linear B, explains how the ancient script was deciphered, and discusses two unsolved scripts, Linear A and Cypriot script.

*The Mycenaean World* Cambridge University Press

Examines the relationships between the writing systems of the ancient Aegean and Cyprus in the second and first millennia BC, principally Cretan 'Hieroglyphic', Linear A, Linear B, Cypriot-Minoan and the Cypriot Syllabary, demonstrating the great advances made by inter-disciplinary studies.

*The Aegean Writing Systems* Hackett Publishing

Recounts the discovery of Minoan Linear B, explains how the ancient script was deciphered, and discusses two unsolved scripts, Linear A and Cypriot script.

*The Decipherment of Linear B*

First discovered in 1900, on clay tablets among the ruins of the Palace of Minos at Knossos, Crete, Linear B script remained a mystery for over fifty years until 1952, when Michael Ventris discovered that its signs did not represent an unknown language as previously believed, but an archaic dialect of Greek, more than 500 years older than the Greek of Homer. This book tells the life story of Michael Ventris, an intriguing and contradictory man, a gifted linguist but a divided soul, together with that of his remarkable decipherment of Linear B. Dubbed the Everest of archaeology, the decipherment was all the more remarkable because Ventris was not a trained classical scholar but an architect who had first heard of Linear B as a schoolboy. An initial fascination became a lifelong obsession.