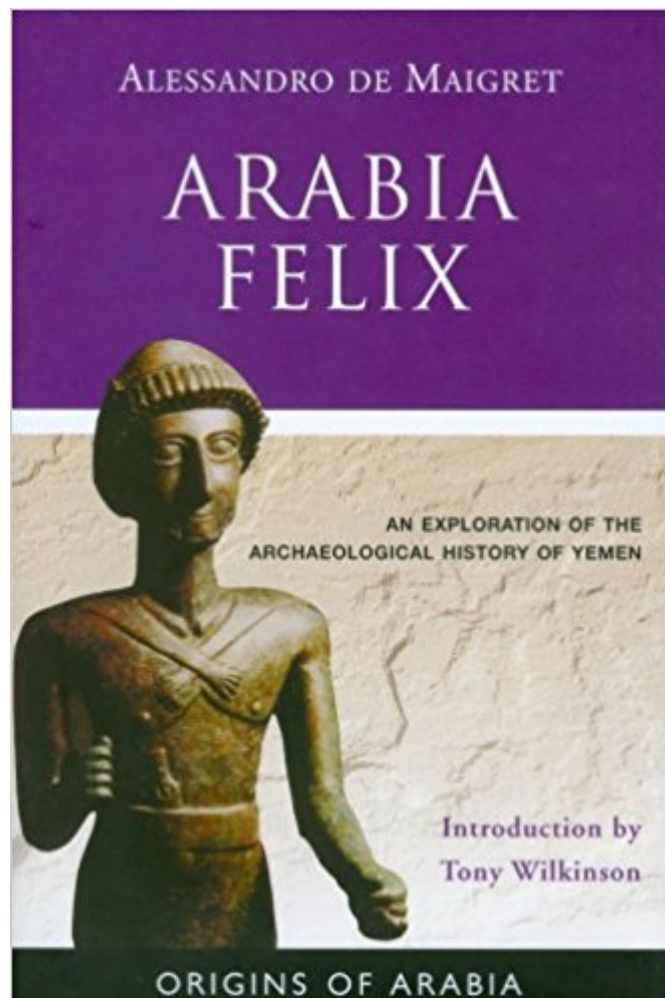




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Italian archaeologist, Alessandro de Maigret, reveals the ancient land of Arabia Felix (today's Yemen), home of the legendary Queen of Sheba, in this work. First, sifting through ancient texts, and the early accounts of travelers, explorers and scientists, he pieces together a picture of our mysteriously incomplete knowledge of the region. Based on his findings at various sites, he seeks to take the reader on a journey back into history, answering questions which have remained shrouded in conjecture. Disproving legends and untangling the confusion of earlier explanations, de Maigret draws together his own findings with those from many other disciplines to present a picture of one of the oldest and least understood societies in the world. Since its publication in Italian in 1996, this has become the classic introduction to the history and archaeology of southern Arabia. Now in English, it make all the evidence available to a new audience.

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Alessandro de Maigret, a leading figure among European scholars of Arabian archaeology, has been since 1980 director of the Italian archaeological mission ISMEO in Yemen, where his discoveries have helped reconstruct the prehistory of that country. De Maigret is a professor of Near Eastern archaeology at the Istituto Universitario Orientale, in Naples. Professor Tony Wilkinson, or the Department of Archaeology in the Centre for the Study of the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East at Durham University was former director the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq and has lectured at Chicago and Edinburgh Universities and is a fellow of the British Academy.

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