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Zahi Hawass, one of the foremost Egyptian archaeologists, is known throughout the world for his contributions to the understanding and preservation of Egypt's heritage. Among his most important discoveries are the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza and the Valley of the Golden Mummies in the Bahariya Oasis. Recently he led the team that identified the lost mummy of Queen Hatshepsut and, in 2005, he conducted a CT scan of Tut's mummy. In 2006, he was chosen by *Time* magazine as one of the world's 100 Most Influential People.

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