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**Model Boat**

Unknown Egyptian

Egyptian, Middle Kingdom, 2061-1784 BC  
Painted wood, Overall: 9 3/4 x 9 x 42 5/8 in.  
(24.8 x 22.9 x 108.3 cm)

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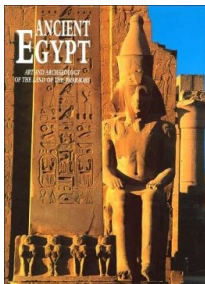
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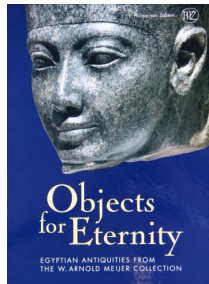
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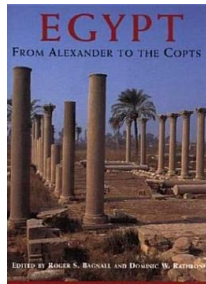
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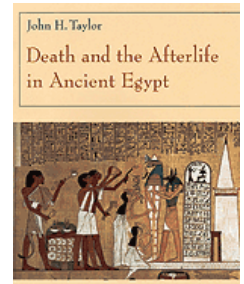
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*Ship models--Catalogs*  
*Ships, Ancient--Egypt*  
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*Tombs--Egypt*

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