

Book Reviews: *The Nile Post* 2nd edn by Joseph H Chalhoub (2025)

Hany Salam (ESC 580): It is with great pleasure that I introduce Joseph Chalhoub's second philatelic catalogue, *The Nile Post*, 2025, a much anticipated addition to our philatelic literature. After his first catalogue, which has rightfully earned its place as a collectors' "bible", the new work promises to be another crucial reference for collectors, researchers and enthusiasts alike.

Mr Chalhoub's dedication to precision, historical accuracy, and detail is again evident in this meticulously compiled catalogue. Building on the foundation of his first edition, this new reference carries refined valuations and updated

listing across all sections. The clear presentation and logical organisation make it an accessible yet scholarly resource, catering to both seasoned philatelists and newcomers.

What truly sets this catalogue apart is its full-colour printing, which brings stamps to life with clarity. The catalogue breaks new ground by

introducing entirely new sections such as interpostal seals and postage meters. Lovers of essays and proofs will find *The Nile Post* in its new edition to be the most comprehensive and visually captivating reference.

In a gracious tribute to our shared philatelic heritage, Mr Chalhoub pays tribute to our society by documenting our 1946 Gold medal at the 1946 philatelic exhibition.

The Philatelic Society of Egypt proudly endorses this catalogue as a vital addition to any philatelic library. It is a testament to its author's passion and professionalism, and we have no doubt it will become as revered as his first work. We extend our gratitude to him for continued contributions to the hobby and look forward to future endeavours.

President, Philatelic Society of Egypt

Mike Murphy (ESC 240): Ever since it burst on to the world of philately in 2003, *The Nile Post* has been the go-to catalogue for all collectors of Egypt in all its myriad aspects. Now, from our member Joe Chalhoub (ESC 385), we have a second edition, in two volumes, bigger, better, more colourful and more comprehensive than the first, but retaining all the expertise and integrity that made the original volume such a spectacular success.

There are clear steps forward particularly in stamp illustrations – newly issued stamps from 2003 to 2023 are listed, all stamps and

varieties are in full colour, and there is a clear intention to place stamps at the top of a page with the catalogue listings below, making identification so much more straightforward. And there's also a real advance for such a heavy volume (4.6kg/10lb) and its postage costs - it is also available online. To buy the books or access the digital version register at nilepostcatalogue.com

As if the books were not detailed enough, two new sections have been added, with 30 pages each on Interpostals, their issue, pricing and usage, and the sadly neglected meter cancellations. This publication should make both better understood and more attractive.

Sensibly, the author takes a pragmatic approach to the Survey of Egypt "archive" proof sheets that were suddenly revealed recently after being concealed for at least 60 years. Regardless of their clandestine origin, they are on the market, they have a story to tell, so how could a comprehensive catalogue ignore them and pretend they don't exist?

Final word on this indispensable catalogue? Get one. It will provide insights you never imagined, and delight in turning its pages.

Hon Secretary, Egypt Study Circle



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