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## Members' lecture Cracking the Egyptian code: the revolutionary life of Jean-François Champollion - SOLD OUT

Monday 29 January 2018,

18.30–20.00

BP Lecture Theatre

Tickets £15

Members £15

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Recommend this event



Author Andrew Robinson looks at  
Jean-François Champollion and his  
extraordinary life.

Jean-François Champollion's decoding of Egyptian hieroglyphs two centuries ago, using the Rosetta Stone, doubled the historical timespan of ancient Egypt, from 600 BC to 3000 BC. Champollion was an impoverished, arrogant and brilliant child of the French Revolution. By turns a teenage professor of ancient history, a supporter of Napoleon, an exile, a fanatical decipherer, a daring explorer of buried Egyptian tombs, the Egyptian curator at the Louvre Museum and the world's first professor of Egyptology, Champollion lived life to the full but drove himself into an early grave.

Andrew Robinson is author of Champollion's first English biography, plus a biography of his English rival, the polymath and physician Thomas Young.

Includes a complimentary drink.

Age: 16+



Jean-François Champollion with his first 'hieroglyphic alphabet'.