

GREEK SCRIPTS An illustrated introduction

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Greek of some form has been written for over 3000 years, painted or scratched on to pottery, cut into stone, written on papyrus, parchment and paper, and eventually printed, first by traditional methods and now by computer technology.

Script styles, letter forms, symbols and abbreviations vary according to where and when they were used, and for what

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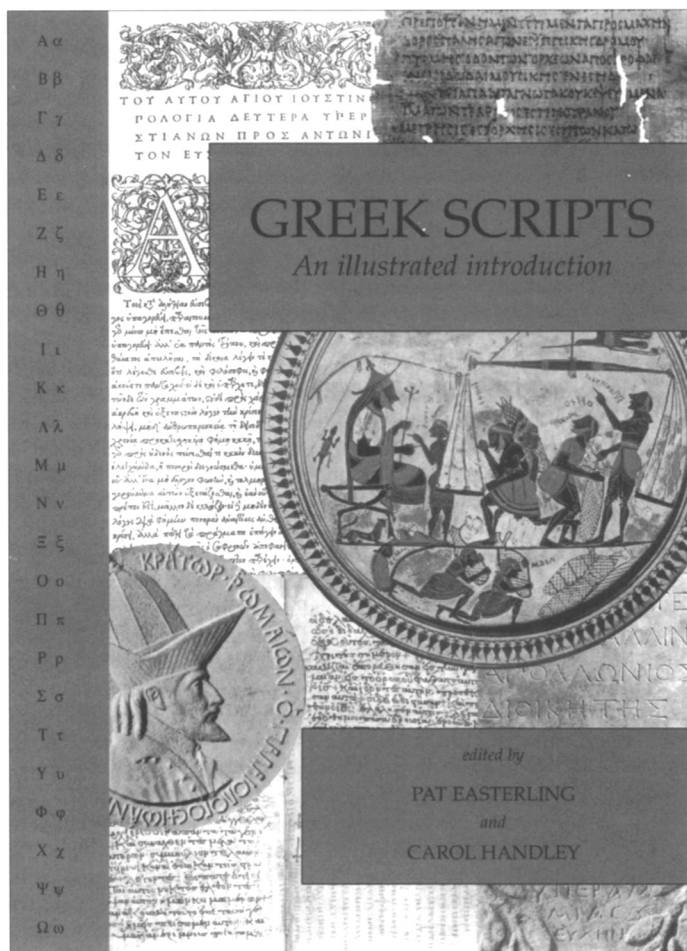
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<i>AAA</i>	<i>Athens Annals of Archaeology</i>
<i>ADelt</i>	<i>Archaiologikon Deltion (Chr = Chronika)</i>
<i>AE</i>	<i>Archaiologike Ephemeris</i>
<i>AEMTH</i>	<i>Archaiologiko Ergo ste Makedonia kai Thrake</i>
<i>AHHD</i>	<i>Architecture hellénique et hellénistique à Delos</i>
<i>AJA</i>	<i>American Journal of Archaeology</i>
<i>AKunst</i>	<i>Antike Kunst</i>
<i>AM</i>	<i>Mitteilungen des deutschen archäologischen Instituts, athenische Abteilung</i>
<i>AR</i>	<i>Archaeological Reports</i>
<i>BCH</i>	<i>Bulletin de correspondance hellénique</i>
<i>BSA</i>	<i>Annual of the British School at Athens</i>
<i>EtCret</i>	<i>Etudes crétoises</i>
<i>PAE</i>	<i>Praktika tes en Athenais Archailogikes Etaireias</i>

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