

HIDDEN VOICES

HATSHEPSUT

Hatshepsut was born in Egypt to Pharaoh Thutmose I and Aahmes, in the 15th century BCE. Queen Hatshepsut ruled the Kingdom of Egypt as a regent for over 20 years. During her reign, she portrayed herself as a man, maintaining the tradition of the pharaoh by wearing male clothing and a ceremonial beard. Still, suggestions of her femininity survived in sculptures. She created hundreds of monumental public works, especially in the capital, Thebes, known today as Luxor. Hatshepsut's successor, Thutmose III, destroyed many of her statues in an attempt to obliterate her memory; historians have, rightfully, returned her to prominence.

