

The Library at Alexandria

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These symbols correspond to Egyptian hieroglyphics. A good site for symbol lookup is <http://www.uponreflection.co.uk/heiro/glyphs.htm> or <http://www.uponreflection.co.uk/heiro/glyphs.htm>

The first step is to realize you're decoding these from up to down, not left to right. Next, using the symbolic syllables, we see that each column is the phonetic spelling of a number.

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The center symbol is a determinative symbol (an adjective) for scribe. The large symbol it is contained in is called a cartouche. These typically held the names of kings...for our puzzle, we're just using it to symbolize 'name'.

So we have a group of numbers and 'scribe name'. Searching online for the number, or leaping to the right guess from the library and scribe hints, you'll realize it is an ISBN number... specifically for the book "Pandora's Star" by Peter F. Hamilton. The scribe is of course the author. So the answer is **HAMILTON**.