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The Tomb of Parennefer, Butler of Pharaoh Akhenaten
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Susan Redford is an Egyptologist on faculty at the Pennsylvania State University. She is Director of the Theban Tomb Survey and Associate Director of the Akhenaten Temple Project, and she has for forty years been conducting excavations at East Karnak and Mendes. She is the author of *The Harem Conspiracy: The Murder of Ramesses III*. 
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