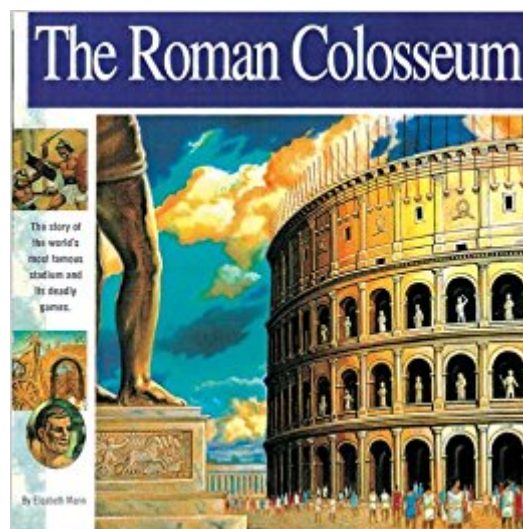


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The Roman Colosseum: The Story Of The World's Most Famous Stadium And Its Deadly Games (Wonders Of The World Book)



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Added some of my own pictures and notes from a recent trip to Rome. My grandson loved it!

Quick read, very authoritative history

I used this book to get my 9 year old ready for our trip to Europe. He loved the book and it made our trip to the Coliseum more exciting.

One of several books used for a class report. The info is good, but parts of it were presented well in an interesting manner, and other sections were very dry and harder to get through. A good book for an overview on the subject.

Great book

I ordered it for my son he is 10 he need it to make a project about the 7 wonders of the world, it was very helpful.

As far as I could tell, 8 year old understood stories in the book. Might not buy if choosing at a bookstore.

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