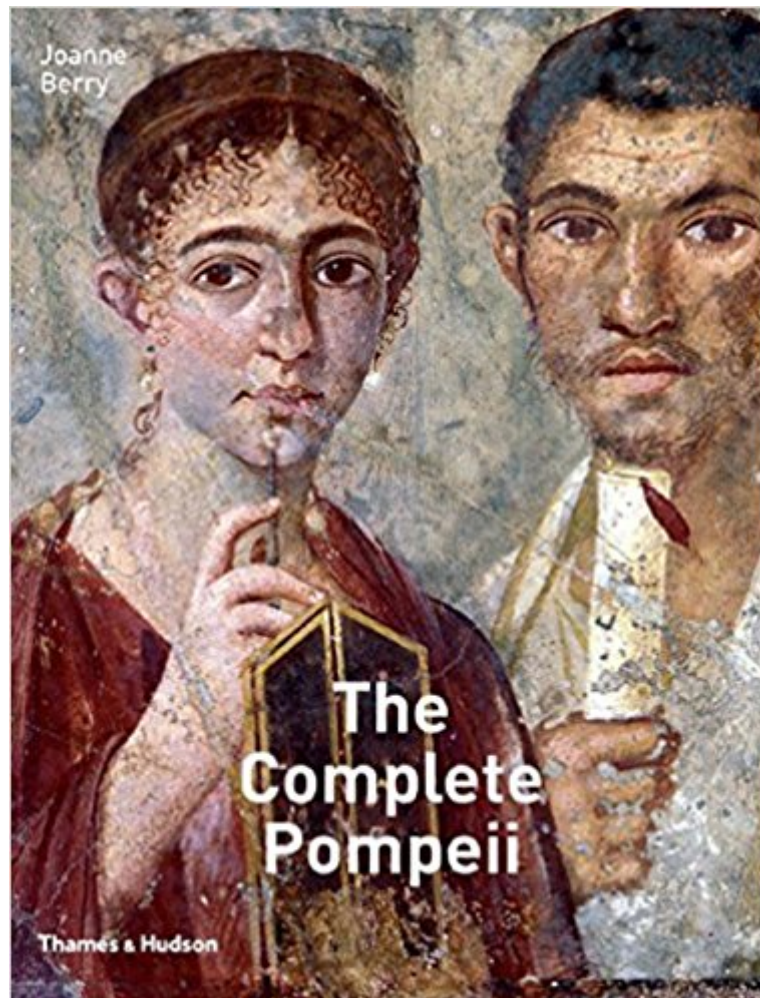




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## Customer Reviews

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I have been looking for a book like this for awhile, from Rome, to Naples, to Pompeii and thank god I found it online at last - THE best book on Pompeii by far. All inclusive and highly visual - this is the FIRST and maybe only book one needs to buy on Pompeii. If you want to go further, I would also recommend Mary Beard's *Pompeii: The Life of a Roman Town*, the best nonfiction account, and Harris's fictional account *Pompeii: A Novel*. Both are wonderful. But the COMPLETE is The Best if you only want one book. It provides a great overview.

Really well done.

Very informative, very useful. This was assigned as a textbook in a Mt. Holyoke art history class on Pompeii. Gives an immersive yet informative view, though personally I wish discussions of artworks and objects were more specific and penetrated deeper. Limitations might be due to available scholarship. Ultimately, a great buy, a wonderful introduction to Pompeii as a whole.

This is the best book on Pompeii History I have ever read! It is astonishingly well illustrated. I have just returned from a trip to Italy and the book really helped me to better understand what I've seen there! I wished I had purchased it before visiting Pompeii site. The book has a simple, clear and full approach for the subject from the perspective of a History lover who aims a complete overview on the subject and is not interested in too much details. It certainly worths the price.

We visited Pompeii this past summer and loved the site and wanted to learn more. Really like this book for it's information and photos.

This book has beautiful pictures, a wealth of information and timelines of the events leading to both of these cities being frozen in time as well as many historical "eye witness" accounts and artifacts. Great book for a starter if doing a research paper and high school term paper. I am very happy with the purchase and the price was very fair considering the amount of information.

Beautiful photography and informative. I loved my trip to Pompeii so I can reminisce with this book.

I read this to prepare for a trip to the Amalfi Coast and found it an excellent primer, discussing the archeology and art very thoroughly. It wasn't as detailed on the history of Pompeii in its heyday, but

there are other sources for that. It is a clear, thorough, and well-illustrated summary of the ruins, as well as an illuminating discussion of the impact of the various discoverers and diggers who have made it what you see today.

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