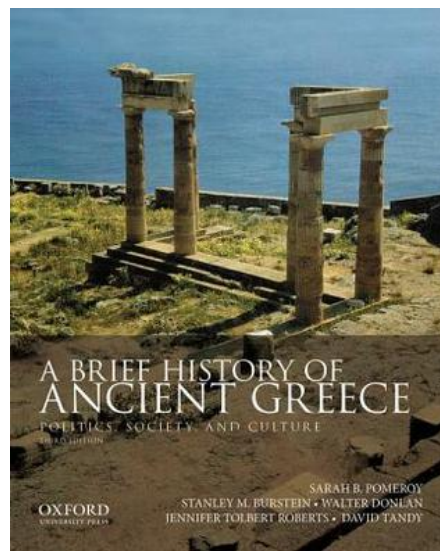




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Vph says

A pleasant overview.

Heidi says

Part of the required reading for The World of the Greeks class. It was full of information, photos and gave a good overview of the Greeks. Worth the read even if you don't have a class.

Alexander says

It was brief; and because of this it lacked a lot, and didn't give the best history possible. You just wanted to argue with the author, and ask for more sources and a better argument. Yet, it still has something to offer, by giving some accounts of small tidbits of Athenian culture during the classical period. My favorite is having slaves of mark citizens with red paint when they are not in the assembly, but still around town.

Martine says

A good introduction into ancient Greek history. Good to read and well-structured. It has a good balance between being complete and not having too much detail.

Andrea says

I had to buy this book for a class I took in my freshman year of college (it was a 300 level; I don't know what I was thinking) but I did enjoy reading it for class. Well, I read a majority of it. There was a lot of skimming involved during the course of that class.

Ancient Greece was an interesting, elaborate, sensual, destructive and intellectual time. The book highlights important occurrences.

I liked this book much, much more than the one I had for the Romans.

Jared Saltz says

Pomeroy et al seek to provide a balanced approach to Greek history by shortening and refocusing their successful Ancient Greece (2011). Providing short chapters that cover Greece and its environs from the

Bronze Age until the Hellenistic era, this book excels and providing a (you guessed it) brief political history overview of the various events of the period while giving greater emphasis to cultural and social history.

Don't get me wrong: this is a short book. At 365 pages of history to cover that much time and a people as variegated as the Greeks, Pomeroy et al had to seriously truncate many of the chapters and / or provide cursory treatment or "Observe the Passover." There were times when you can tell that the authors had run out of pages for a given chapter and, essentially, said, "everyone else died, so X was the victor."

But this is a necessary evil for a book like this, which would excel as a textbook for undergraduates. I know of no other introductory text for this period that so effectively uses primary sources (in translation) interspersed through the main text to provide better flavor of the periods and topics addressed. Similarly, I thought that the inclusion of sections for each chapter dedicated to various social, religious, or cultural institutions to be a refreshing change from those texts that solely provide political history or else focus entirely on other approaches.

I would certainly use this as a text for an undergraduate course in Greek history and it functions just as well as an introduction to the subject to those who are at a higher level but are ignorant of the subject, such as graduate students in related fields.

Lucas Joel says

An easy-to-read, informative way to learn about the Greeks. I highly recommend it.

Zoe Elizabeth says

As far as it goes, this was an awesome text book.

Michidmaa says

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MJ Huot says

This book is a great introductory option for anyone interested in the history of Ancient Greece, whether you are just curious about the topic or actively pursuing a degree/career in relation to the subject (i.e. Classical Studies, Archaeology, etc.).

I felt like there could have been a bit more effort put into the descriptions/explanations of the maps, artifacts, and inscriptions throughout the book. Additionally, there are frequent mentions of the Ancient Near East, which had major influences on the history of Ancient Greece (to say the least); but mentions of said topic are left open-ended and vague. Some knowledge of the Ancient Near East (in its own right) is what is necessary for this book to be properly understood by the reader; otherwise, the material presented is inappropriately isolated and misinterpreted (by the reader) to an extent.

What I appreciated about this book is the consistent sections of "Suggested Readings" at the end of most chapters. That is a great way to provide someone with limited to no prior knowledge on the history of Ancient Greece further credible resources to continue with. I absolutely love it when academic books provide suggested/further readings lists.

Side note: Many sections of this book rely on a wide range of archaeological evidence to support various conclusions. I also recommend readers to obtain the latest edition of any book that heavily relies on material like this, mainly because there are new discoveries and shifts in prevailing thought on a very regular basis (especially for places like Greece and Rome, where archaeological digs are still happening, in contrast to many crucial Near Eastern sites where war and legislation has indefinitely stalled further in-field research). There are likely to be some significant changes to every edition.

Faith Williams says

Brief is the word. This is a narrow overview and a good introduction to the world of Ancient Greece. If you're looking for in-depth historical analysis, look elsewhere. But, if you're looking to educate yourself on the general life and culture of Ancient Greece, this is an enjoyable and well-written book.

Sara says

Excellent historical background.
