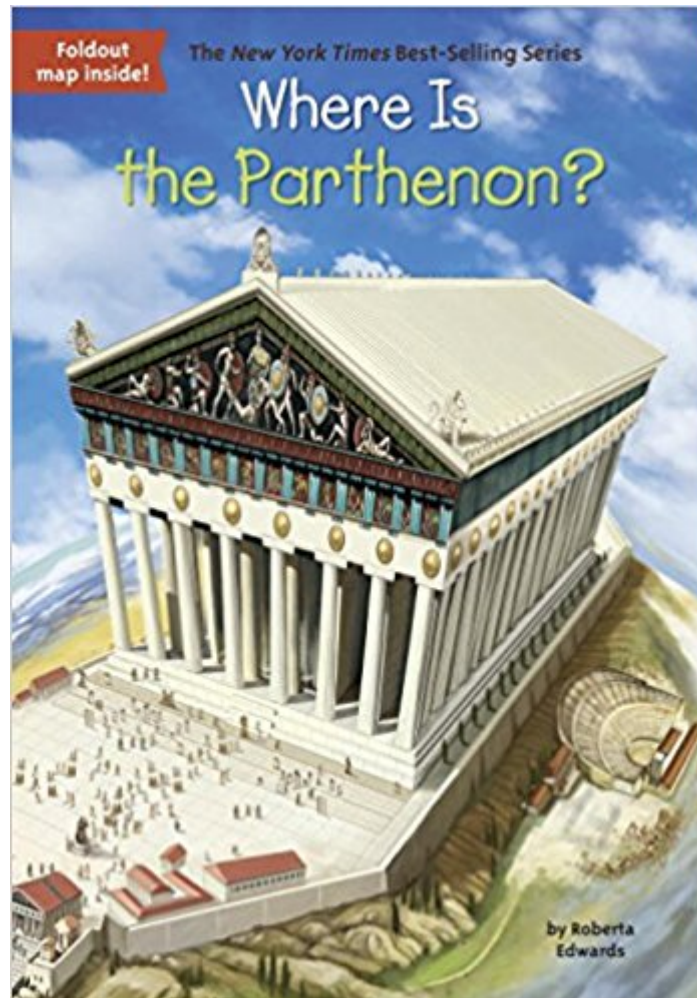




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Where Is The Parthenon?



Synopsis

Discover the ruins of the Parthenon, one of the most famous and beautiful places in the world!

Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Athens, Greece, is best known for the Parthenon, the ruins of an ancient temple completed in 438 BC to honor the goddess Athena. But what many people don't know is that it only served as a temple for a couple hundred years. It then became a church, then a mosque, and by the end of the 1600s served as a storehouse for munitions. When an enemy army fired hundreds of cannon balls at the Acropolis, one directly hit the Parthenon. Much of the sculpture was destroyed, three hundred people died, and the site fell into ruin. Today, visitors continue to flock to this world famous landmark, which has become a symbol for Ancient Greece, democracy, and modern civilization. Includes black-and-white illustrations and a foldout color map!

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Customer Reviews

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Ã Â Where Is the Parthenon? Ã Â Imagine going back in time 2,500 years to the city of Athens in ancient Greece. It is just about sunrise. You and your parents leave your small mud-brick house and

join a large parade of people climbing up a steep hill that rises from the center of the city. Men and women—as well as you and the other young children—are wearing capes over loose, white tunics called chitons (say: ky-tuns). Wearing light clothing helps everyone stay cool in the heat of the sun. Where is everyone going? They are heading to a temple that stands on top of the hill. It is made of white marble with a ring of forty columns going around all four sides. It is called the Parthenon (say: PAR-thuh-nahn). Everyone has come here to worship the goddess Athena. The Parthenon is the goddess's special temple. Your family follows the parade to the front of the Parthenon. The temple is decorated with brightly painted sculptures made by the most famous artists. The outside of the temple is grand and beautiful. Still, it does not compare with what you will see inside. You and your family pass through the columns and enter a dark room. You gaze up. Towering above you is a statue of mighty Athena. The "skin" on her face is made of ivory, and her robes are covered in sheets of real gold—more than two thousand pounds of it. The goddess of war is dressed for battle. She wears a helmet, and armor over her chest. With her shield and spear, she is ready to fight against the enemies of Athens. She is a giant. She is almost forty feet tall! What harm can possibly come to your city when mighty Athena is protecting it? Now jump ahead to modern times. You are in Athens again, on the same sunny hilltop, standing among a crowd of people snapping photos in front of the same temple. What do you see now? Actually, it is easier to list all the things you don't see. The paint on the temple is gone. The roof is gone. So are many of the columns and most of the sculptures on the outside of the temple. As for the giant statue of Athena, there is no trace of it or the room in which the statue stood. For hundreds of years the Parthenon has been in ruins. Still, it remains one of the most famous places in the world. As famous as the Great Pyramids of Egypt and the Great Wall of China. In the case of the Parthenon, it is not size that makes it so special. It is because of its beauty. Each year, throngs of tourists climb up the hill and, under the blazing Greek sun, walk around the remains of the temple. Even as a ruin, it is unforgettable. So what happened to the Parthenon? Why was this world-famous landmark almost destroyed? And who was to blame?

Great biography series that all kids will enjoy. My students (4th grade) can't seem to put them down. I've had them in my room for the last few years and they just eat them up. The content is easy to understand and it provides great information on each person/topic along with a timeline in the back. Great for parents and teachers alike.

Love this entire series of books and plan to purchase many more. Is written to be education and

informative to the younger reader. Writer gives enough detail to highlight the importance of the building but doesn't drag things out with a lot unnecessary adjectives fillers.

Great book, but it came damaged pretty badly. It was between 2 other books that were not damaged. So the damage happened before it was ever shipped. Very disappointed.

This book tells a lot. But it just tells about how it was built and destroyed and how it looks like today but it tells everything you need to know and places you should go so that's why I gave it 5 stars

I love all of these books! Where is, What is, Who is, and Who was are all great books! My 2nd grade students love them. I even have parents coming into my room to borrow them to read!

Interesting book for my daughter. She loves the book!

Good collection

Great for young readers!

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