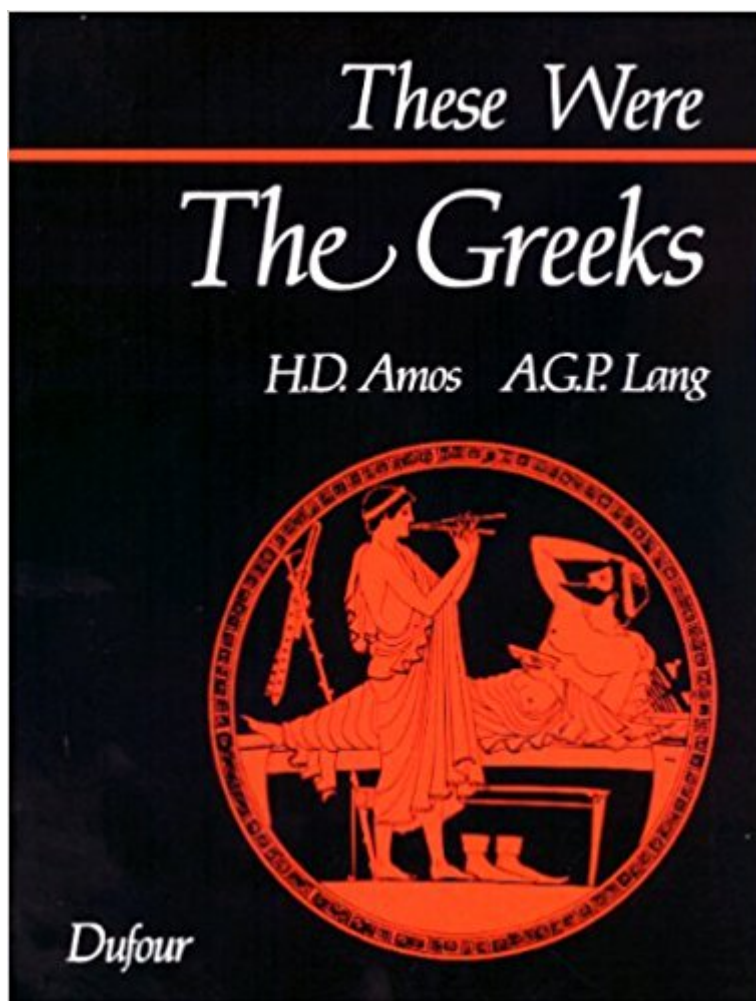


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required for classes.

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Be sure to take a peek at the LookInside table of contents, it gives a very good sense of the scope of the book. The authors have a sweeping knowledge of the Classical Greek period and use it to

select snippets from early writings. They alternate between their own commentary, well chosen photos and direct quotes from translations of that period. The book is for the lay reader, no footnotes are used, there is a nice selected booklist at the end. The index is in very small 6 point type so that it will all fit on one page. The timeless writing style is reader friendly and engaging. This is a book that needs a kindle and overdrive version. Highly Recommended.

I read this book before a trip to see the antiquities – the Parthenon, the palace at Knossos, the treasures from archaeological digs, etc. The book greatly increased my understanding and appreciation of the amazing things I saw in Greece. Sometimes the text lacks detail, but if you want more detail, you can always find something deeper than this 200-page quick read.

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