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Description

What terrible secret was buried in Shi Huangdi's tomb? Did nomads like lizard stew? What happened to Anansi the Spider in the Village of the Plantains? And how did a six-year-old become the last emperor of Rome?

Told in a straightforward, engaging style that has become Susan Wise Bauer's trademark, *The Story of the World* series covers the sweep of human history from ancient times until the present. Africa, China, Europe, the Americas—find out what happened all around the world in long-ago times. This first revised volume begins with the earliest nomads and ends with the last Roman emperor. Newly revised and updated, *The Story of the World, Volume 1* includes maps, a new timeline, more illustrations, and additional parental aids.

This read-aloud series is designed for parents to share with elementary-school children. Enjoy it together and introduce your child to the marvelous story of the world's civilizations.

Insightful reviews

Ruth: I just love Susan Wise Bauer. She takes something like ancient history, which can with all honesty be extremely tedious in parts, and turns it into an engaging story that children will happily sit still to listen to. She is so great at taking small facts that will appeal to children and highlighting them as you read through the story (a horse as a Roman consul?? A six year old Roman emperor? Oh no, here come the barbarians!). The book reads like an adventure story, which it is, really. Susan is careful to separate fact from myth, and stories are presented separately from factual accounts (and "factual" accounts that may not be completely accurate are presented as such, as well).

I highly recommend this book for all ages, but especially early elementary. I estimate that it is written at a fourth grade level.

Shaun: As a homeschooler, I used this in my curriculum for my three oldest, ages 6-9ish. Written in an easy-to-read format that often includes the retelling of myths and stories of the time, I found it to be a great introduction to the ancient civilizations.

The writing is actually quite good for a text and the stories and the overall content is broken down by various cultures as opposed to a time line format. As a result, it can get a little confusing since you are sometimes moving backwards and forwards in time, but overall, for younger ages this serves as a great intro to future, more detailed studies.

Topics covered include the nomads, Egyptians, Sumerians, early Jews, Babylonians, Assyrians, Ancient China, Ancient Africa, the Exodus, Phoenicians, early Greeks, Medes and Persians, Sparta and Athens, the Romans, Aryans of India, early Christians, and the Barbarians, as well as other related topics.

We also started Volume 2 which picks up seamlessly with the this first volume.

If you use a more literature based approach to education and have younger children, you will probably find this to be a useful resource.

Sarah: Unfortunately, I've survived to adulthood with an embarrassing lack of historical knowledge. Not even my liberal arts general education university classes taught me history. Now that I'm homeschooling, I needed at least a basic understanding. **THIS BOOK HAS BEEN FANTASTIC FOR THAT PURPOSE.** I obviously can't assess its accuracy, but my husband and I have thoroughly enjoyed the overview of all of world history and the way Bauer offers perspective and some repetition. We talk about the books frequently, and I'm thrilled that basic pieces of history, tiny little references from daily life, are finally substantive for me.

I really needed an historical framework or overview, and this simple, engaging book has been ideal for that purpose. Now, when I read other specific books, I have a context to fit them into and a way to mentally file the information. I'm excited to share this series with my son when he's ready. Actually, with all the discussion between my husband and me, he's learning and hearing a lot of it already.

Nancy: We simply entire quantity 1 of Susan clever Bauer's superb (four-volume) heritage of the realm for straight forward kids. this is often our moment time via SOTW as a family members and all of us love it. I offered my quantity 2 a number of years back, so i am excited to reserve the revised model packet of the book, audiobook, job publication , as we wish to proceed our heritage examine ASAP.Pros: -kids ask to learn it/listen to it (We hear the unique audiobook version; i think there's a more moderen variation of all of the volumes, yet we are pleased with this one)-Activity booklet is worthy each penny and more. I order from the library the extra literature feedback indexed within the (these books are on a shelf the following referred to as SOTW Vol 1), and will increase our examine of, say, Greek culture, chinese language history, etc., with those well-curated suggestions. we have additionally stumbled on nice authors via this feature.We additionally use the narration questions and the map paintings from the task book.Cons: rather want there have been dates to correspond with ancient events, or a timeline feature. No different cons. This sequence is golden. Thank you, Susan clever Bauer.

Jody Rasmussen: all through my university days I by no means took an excellent curiosity in History. I had a troublesome time remembering whilst issues happened and the way all of it healthy jointly within the historical past of the world. the tale the area is a wonderful e-book that reports heritage chronologically. This has opened an entire new global to me and that i can eventually know the way it pertains to different elements of the area in the course of that point period. This e-book additionally comprises Biblical background with global background and has helped my figuring out of the background as a whole- bible and global together. This booklet retells many exceptional old tales and has eventually made historical past fun. i will be able to say now that i like history. i purchased this e-book with the corresponding task ebook and can't say adequate stable in regards to the brilliant map work, enjoyable coloring pictures, corresponding literature lists, and nice activities.

Emma Filbrun: i've got simply entire analyzing tale of the World, quantity 1: precedent days aloud for the second one time. As on my first time through, many years ago, I loved the way in which Susan clever Bauer tells the heritage of the area as a story. My young ones imagine it's boring, simply because it's now not really written like a novel, yet for a heritage ebook i believe it's lovely good. definitely far better than the historical past curriculum we used while i used to be a child!Read my complete assessment here.

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