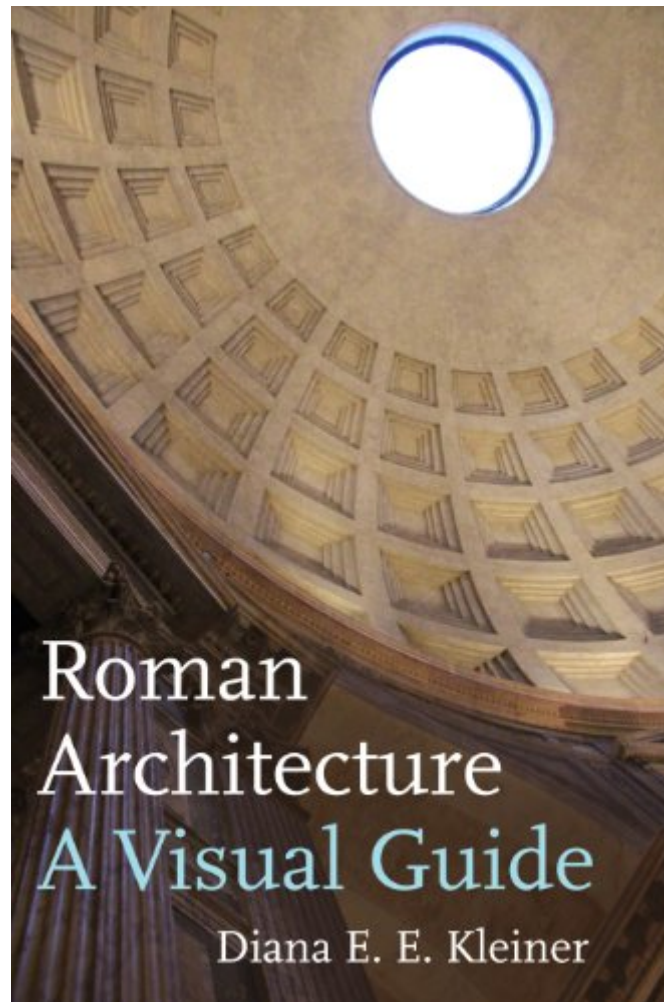


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Roman Architecture: A Visual Guide



Synopsis

Diana E. E. Kleiner has shared her deep knowledge and passion for the history and architecture of ancient Rome with thousands of students, travelers, and enthusiasts through her lectures. She is indeed "the traveler's best friend" and now she has created an enhanced eBook that richly deserves that encomium as well. Professor Kleiner personally guides you through the great ruins of Rome and the Roman Empire, highlighting their most fascinating and important features with an extraordinary wealth of knowledge, insights and anecdotes. Roman Architecture: A Visual Guide offers readers over 250 appealing and enlightening visual images alongside accessible, concise descriptions that focus on precisely the most pertinent and meaningful information.. Roman Architecture: A Visual Guide is an indispensable and enchanting resource for travelers, architecture enthusiasts, historians, and all those with an interest in any aspect of the richly multi-faceted subject that is Roman architecture. At its most expansive, the Roman Empire stretched from the British Isles to Egypt; Rome was the ancient world's greatest superpower. Roman Architecture: A Visual Guide takes us to the great buildings and engineering marvels of Rome and its empire, exploring not only Rome but also buildings preserved at Pompeii, Herculaneum, Ostia, Tivoli, North Italy, Sicily, France, Spain, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Jordan, Lebanon, and North Africa allowing readers to trace the growth and expansion of the Roman Empire chronologically through its cities. Roman Architecture's wealth of photographs and site plans of these intriguing structures are presented from the fresh perspective of an author who has journeyed to nearly all of the sites, revealing most of them through her own digital images. In addition, this interactive e-book makes learning about these monuments easier than ever, with handy maps and geolocation links that show you just where the monuments are and, if you're traveling, how to get there. A fascinating introduction to some of history's most compelling and influential architecture, Roman Architecture: A Visual Guide is an enthralling resource, whether one wishes to visit Rome in person or from afar.

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Customer Reviews

This was published to accompany an online course on Roman architecture. Even for this purpose it is not all that informative. Scanty texts repeat information given in the course videos. I would not recommend it to anyone not taking the course offered by Open Yale and also Coursera. I am taking the course and hardly bother with this ebook. I would rather have a paper book to have in my hand during the video lecture.

I purchased this book because I am taking Prof. Kleiner's Coursera course on the same topic. This is a fine book. However there are many things it is not. As it claims it is a visual guide to a selection of Roman architectural sites. It does not correspond directly to Prof. Kleiner's course. It is not an in-depth guide to Roman architecture. I was a bit disappointed by the lack of depth and background on the subject. It supplies a half to one page description of each site. On each such page there is a link to "maps". For me this links to a single almost empty page. The Geolocation link brings you to the exact site on Google maps. The Monument list brings you to a monument list... however it is not the famous "monument list" we need for the Coursera course.

I took the online Roman Architecture course from Yale on the Coursera website. BRAVO!!!

KUDOS!!!! The book was my resource when I traveled to Italy after taking the online Yale U course from Coursera. Diana was (is) a fabulous prof.

Prof. Kleiner teaches a course at Yale called "Roman Architecture", which is a combined history, architecture, and travelog course of most of the major ancient Roman sites not only in Italy, but through Europe, the Middle East, and northern Africa. The videotaped lectures are available for free download through either the Yale open university, or through Coursera. If you view this course, this Kindle book is an absolute must. Some text, but mostly photos of the many sites covered by Prof. Kleiner. Each site mentioned is geocoded with a link directly to Google Earth. If you are just interested in ancient Rome with no desire to view the course videos, this would still be a worthwhile investment.

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Good book to reinforce the lectures from dr kleiner on coursera. The class is also available thru iTunes U. Not a very complex set of readings since it is intended to match the class. Would start learning about roman architecture here the go on to more reading from other sources.

I am taking Professor Kleiner's class online & the book is great, but the Kindle Fire version is maddening to navigate. We need to use the monument list quite a bit and trying to go back to where you were is nigh on to impossible. I keep wishing I had the paper book in front of me.

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