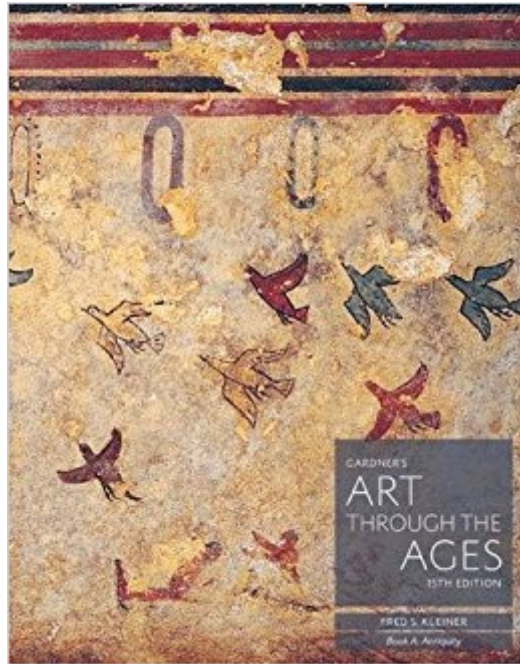


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This is the first book (Book A) in a four part series. It is complete with excellent textual information and vibrant color pictures. I needed it for school, and it was far cheaper on compared to my school's bookstore. It shipped quickly, which was great since, again, I needed it for school. I love the fact that it was a backpack edition, since the full book is about 800 pages. This one was only around 200, so it was very easy to carry around school. If you need the full set, go with the Backpack

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Informative for a newbie like me.

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