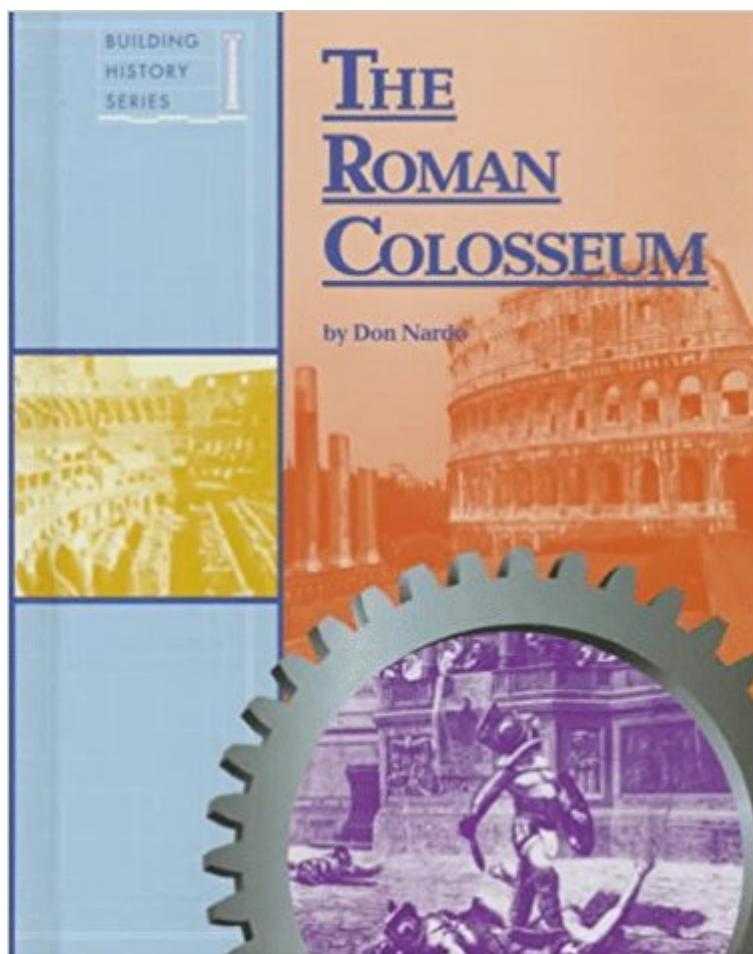


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Synopsis

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I am a high school history teacher who recently did a unit on ancient Greece and Rome. This book by noted American historian Don Nardo, along with his equally excellent volumes on the Greek Parthenon, life in ancient Greece, the Punic Wars, the Roman Empire, and Roman slavery, proved

extremely useful to me and those of my students who read them. Personally, this one was my favorite. I plan to use more of his books in the future and I heartily recommend these volumes to other teachers.

This is a small book. But it's packed with a great deal of useful, interesting information about the Colosseum and the Romans who built it. The writing style is very good and easy to read. If you like stuff about ancient rome, you'll like this book.

Currently, I for a school porfolio piece have chosen to write a feature article on The Roman Colosseum. During class I happen to pick up "The Roman Colosseum", and started reading. The book itself had many interesting details, unfortunatly it was very boring.

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