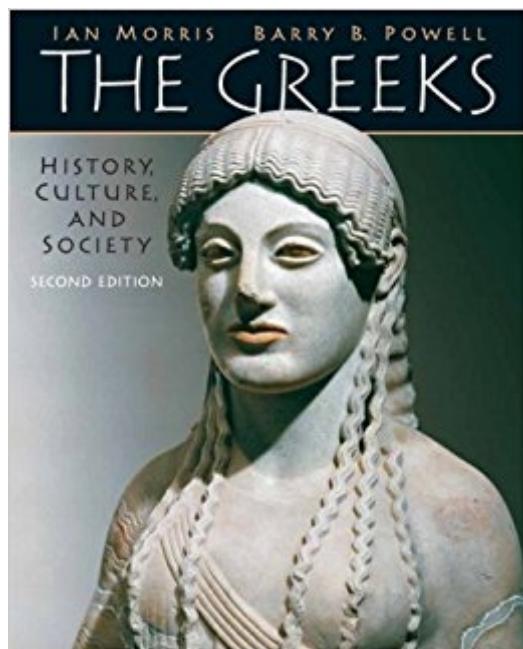


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Textbooks have, deservedly, a bad reputation. Morris and Powell have written a textbook that is also a pleasure to read. This truly fine book covers the full range of material, but with style and flair. It is also well illustrated and makes very effective use of original source material. And their use of what they call "the Greek problem" -- how to organize social life "without God or gods to reveal" a pattern -- is extremely effective. There are a number of good overview introductory books out there on the Greeks, but none better. The only drawback is a fairly hefty pricetag.

A very well written textbook that doesn't quite bore the reader.

This seems a competent survey of The Ancient Greek period. The text had writing and some heavy highlighter marks in it when I received it for rental use. Quick delivery of a usable text.

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