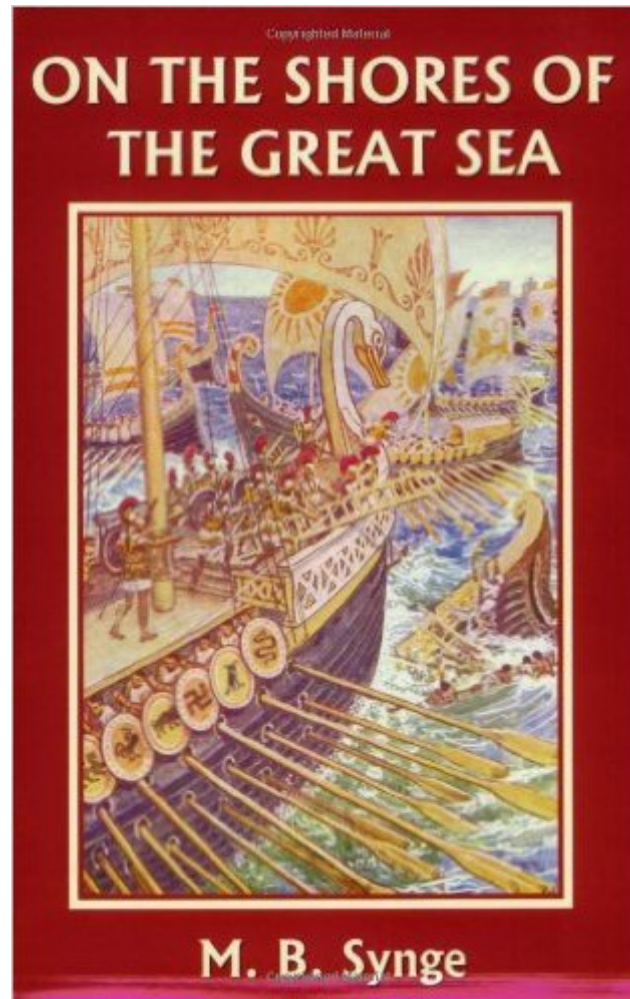


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Customer Reviews

This is a very good history book for young children. If you are not religious though please be aware

that the books does contain religious content. Being a Christian this is not a problem for my family but it might be for some. The book starts with Abraham and the Israelites and then moves into a story book like telling of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome. There is a lot more information here than I was taught in elementary school. I am using this book as a spring board for my daughters' history this year. We are covering ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome. This is not our only history book but combined with other books found on I feel that my daughters are getting a better than average covering of the topics.

This is a beautifully written history of the beginning of our world by Synge. It naturally weaves biblical and secular history in a masterful way. A wonderful complete beginning history of the world for young students and old.

I like it because it was a good brief summary of many of the stories that I had learned many years ago. It's a good overview that should help in identifying areas for further study. It was well worth reading.

I wanted to like this series of books. My daughter has excellent reading comprehension, but found it very dull. I felt like it was historically inaccurate, it seems certain things were unpalatable to the author, and they chose to gloss over or simply ignore certain things I felt were important.

We are using this along with Story of the World for my son's history. We love all of Yesterday's Classics books, and this has not disappointed us.

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