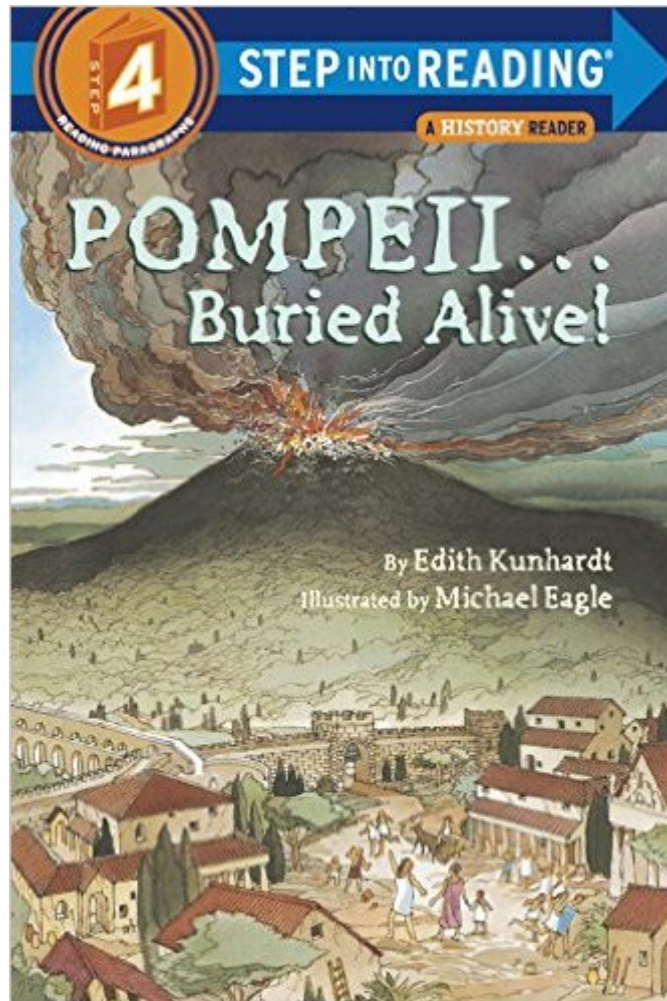


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# Pompeii...Buried Alive! (Step Into Reading)



## Synopsis

Illus. in full color. "The drama of natural disasters provides prime material to entice young independent readers. In this volume, the account of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius describes village life 2,000 years ago, the eruption itself and its aftermath, and the excitement when the buried town is rediscovered centuries later. A lively and factual glimpse of a devastating moment in history, in an accessible, attractive package."--Publishers Weekly.Â Â

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

As a 2nd grade teacher, I've been sharing this book with my students for about 2 years now. It keeps any group mesmerized! The best part about it is the way it makes kids understand that the people of Pompeii were just regular people going about their daily routines when Vesuvius erupted. They especially feel a connection with the little boy Pliny who watched the eruption from across the water and wrote about it in his later years. It is a great book to use as part of a classroom volcano unit or by itself.

Today I am going to tell you about a book that I ready this year for school. It is called "Pompeii... buried alive", written by Edith Kunhardt. It is my favorite book that I have ready this year because it

tells about a real volcano and how it destroyed a town called Pompeii. My favorite part of the book was when the volcano erupted. The book said that the smell was like rotten eggs! When I read this book, deep down inside me, I was scared. I think you will want to read this book if you are interested in volcanoes.

Good children's books on Ancient Rome are hard to find so when I came across Pompeii... Buried Alive!, I bought two copies for my son's and daughter's libraries. The first chapter gives a glimpse into the lives of the people under the rule of the Roman Empire. Mount Vesuvius is introduced along with the assumption that the people of Pompeii were not aware that they were living beside a dangerous volcano. The correct pronunciations are given for Pompeii and Vesuvius which are often mispronounced by children as well as adults. In chapter two, the volcano erupts and descriptions are given as to how the people reacted. Descriptions are also given as to how the volcano eruption affected the air, sky, land, and sea. The town of Pompeii was buried under hot ash. In the final chapter, chapter 3, Pompeii is forgotten. Time passes. A new town is built on top of ancient Pompeii. Workers, who were tunnelling for water, discover pieces of an ancient wall and, years later, Pompeii is rediscovered. Pompeii... Buried Alive! is not only a well-rounded, excellent book, it is a necessity for teaching children about Pompeii. Everything a child needs to know are in its pages.

The last "classic" I'm reviewing in this series, was written the same year as Titanic ... Lost and Found. These easy readers often go out of print very quickly and it says much when one can keep in print for well over twenty years. Pompeii tells the story of the fateful day that Mount Vesuvius erupted from the perspective of what it must have been like to have seen what was happening had you been there. A detailed, gripping story that captures the imagination and could possibly send the reader into further exploration of the topic. Even more intriguing is the jump ahead in time to when Pompeii has been buried and forgotten and Pliny's writings are being read then builders discover walls in the ground. Eventually more of buried Pompeii is unearthed and a full-scale archaeological dig is underway. The book explains this process until it reaches the historical, museum-like, tourist site, we have today. The book ends warning that Vesuvius could erupt again at any time. Due to the age of the book I checked the current information on this and found a very recent article, Sept. 2013, in which Japanese scientists presented to a volcano conference in Italy that Vesuvius "could erupt again at any time" and the Italian government must have a suitable disaster plan drawn up. So the book's information is still very current up to today. The only problem I have with this easy reader is that the writing is not quite as good as the previous ones I've recommended as it does talk down

to the reader in a way that could easily have been avoided.

Believe it or not but this has been my 6 year old's book for all times . Of the pile of books she reads out loud to me every day ,she always includes this book and understands it better every time when we discuss what she want to from the book.

Wonderful for a volcano-loving new 1st grader. A good level for autumn in 1st grade for a medium speed reader. Besides teaching the kids history and a bit on volcanoes, the book is a good conversation starter on the Roman empire, volcanoes, living in a dangerous area (like San Francisco) and slavery. The school likes to make my kid read Clifford the red dog and similar happy but slightly nonsense stories. I like that this book gives the kids a chance to reflect on how their life is compared to the people of Pompeii. Why were people willing to take the risk of living on a volcano? YES - we read it a lot

Except for the fact that this book doesn't cover all the Pompeian <sup>TM</sup>s who DID heed the warning signs that Vesuvius was about to blow (the majority of the estimated population of 10,000 to 15,000) I use it as a creative writing prompt for students up to 5th grade. It has plenty of sensory details and images of everyday life back then. After I read it, I ask students to write a first-person POV account of the day before the eruption. Especially inspiring because archeological discoveries dove-tail with Roman historian Pliny the Younger's written account, encouraging them to view journal writing as a form of history..

This is a great book! My son is into science and History. He learned about Pompeii in 3rd grade this past year and told me all about it. For his birthday I bought him this book and he was thrilled. He loves this book. I really enjoy it as well!

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