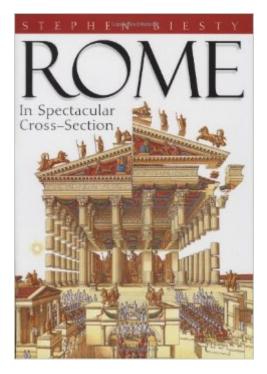
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# Rome





## Synopsis

Million-copy best-selling creator of the "Incredible Cross-Sections" series now brings his talent to a new challenge: Ancient Rome."Rome in a Day" is set in 128 AD, on a festival day and follows one day in the life of a father and his 9-year-old son, Titus Cotta Maximus, as they spend a public holiday together in ancient Rome.Spend the day with father and son as they awake and breakfast in their home; make their way down to the busy streets; follow the procession to the Temple of Jupiter; take in the game at the Colosseum; conduct some family business at the busy docks; relax at the Baths of Trajan; and watch the races at the Circus Maximus before returning home at the end of the evening. A very full day!

### **Book Information**

Age Range: 9 and up Lexile Measure: IG800L (What's this?) Series: Rome Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Scholastic Reference; 1St Edition edition (April 1, 2003) Language: English ISBN-10: 0439455464 ISBN-13: 978-0439455466 Product Dimensions: 13.8 x 9.8 x 0.4 inches Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 starsÅ Å See all reviewsÅ (11 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #313,858 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #80 inÅ Books > Children's Books > Arts, Music & Photography > Architecture #153 inÅ Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > History > Europe #172 inÅ Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > History > Ancient

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Lots of parents will be familiar with Stephen Biesty's "Cross-Sections" series, in which he provides wonderfully detailed cutaway drawings of famous old buildings and the like (e.g., ocean liners, spaceships, cathedrals, etc.). I really think this is one of the best of the series, too.Previously our favorite was "Stephen Biesty's Man-of-War," which detailed life on a Napoleonic-era battleship. That one provided such good information that even an adult reading an old Horatio Hornblower novel could use it as a reference book.Likewise, "Rome" depicts the main buildings and neighborhoods of

Rome, maintaining a narrative about a young boy of noble family, Titus, as he investigates his native city. An absolute must for any child or adult interested in ancient history or trying to become interested!

Every one of Stephen Biesty's cross-section books are amazing and this is no exception. They make learning fun and interesting and the illustrations are great. An excellent book for adults and children!

This is a really great book for the right kind of reader... the kind of kid who likes diagrams with captions, or comic books, or pages with lots of detail. A kid who likes MacCaulay's books on City or Castle. "How Things Work" or DK, or Usborne spreads with lots of text boxes to read. This one ranks right up there with tons of detail on different Roman structures--house, temple, Colosseum, etc. And not just engineering detail, but social-economic tidbits too.So if you have one of those kids who won't read a chapter book but can spend hours looking at tidbits in a manual or picture, this will be right up their alley.

In "Rome" we follow a day in the life of a young Roman noble. We follow him as he leaves his home and visits such landmarks as the Forum, Colliseum, Circus Maximus and the Baths. The story is rather basic but what makes this book stand out are Stephen Biesty's intricately detailed illustrations. We learn more about daily Roman life from the illustration than we do from the basic plot line. The panoramic architectural illustration is one of the most difficult images for an artist to create. This type of illustration requires not only a fine command of perspective but also an ability to reproduce detail on a very small scale. Stephen Biesty is such a virtuoso that expands the image by breaking it into further cross sections. There are very few illustrators with this level of technical skill. Ultimately, this is a book that will fascinate all those who open its pages and enter its story. Highly recommended.

came quickly (quicker than expected..in time for christmas) and arrived in good condition. priced great and as son only needed it for school project the price was important. he does enjoy the book though so it will be used longer than the project needed for.

This excellent book is a visual delight. It makes a powerful teaching tool-the pictograph-continue its contribution to education. The book's detailed illustrations draw the viewer in andengage him in a

world that was as complex interesting and varied as ours(if not more so).

Our kids love to look through these books to see if they can find the toilet in each picture! We talk about the pictures and they (we) learn things without realizing it!

Now we know why Rome was not built in a day. Most structure are engineering marvels that are brought to life by this book.

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