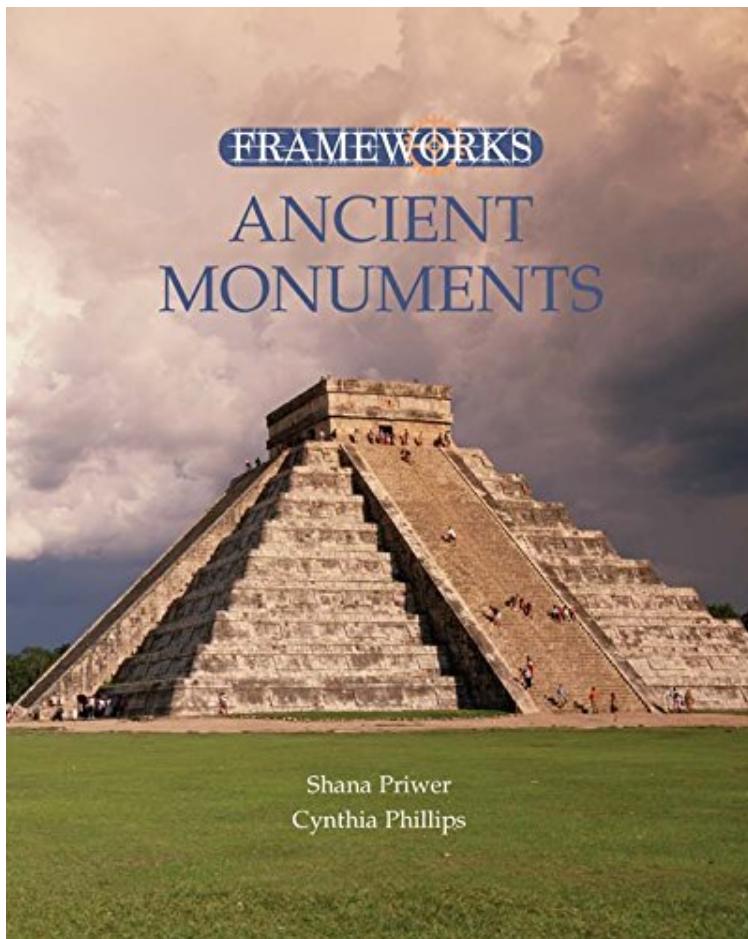


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Discusses the Egyptian pyramids, Greek temples, Roman buildings, and megalithic monuments in Britain, the book includes chapters on architecture in Mesoamerica, the early Middle East, and ancient China and Japan.

From School Library JournalGrade 5ndash;9mdash;These books examine the "science behind the structures that are part of our everyday lives." The authors discuss the sociohistorical and mathematical concepts behind, for example, "Mesoamerican Architecture" (Monuments) and "Transportation Canals and Locks" (Dams) in great depth. These informative books are a bit dry, but ideal for dedicated researchers. Diagrams, charts, and full-color photographs are appropriately placed and well captioned. An extensive glossary and index round out each of the meticulous surveys.

Though textbook layout, dense information, and vocabulary-heavy sentences limit the titles to use as report resources, they will be welcome additions.—Rebecca Dash, New York Public Library

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This handsome and informative volume from the Frameworks series presents monuments from ancient civilizations. As well as discussing Egyptian pyramids, Greek temples, Roman buildings, and megalithic monuments in Britain, the book includes interesting chapters on architecture in Mesoamerica, the early Middle East, and ancient China and Japan. A particular strength of the writing is the attention to the details of technology and engineering know-how that enabled ancient cultures to build such impressive and sometimes surprisingly sophisticated monuments. Though the reading level may challenge some students, this well-written book has an inviting format, with nicely spaced lines, appealing page design, and at least one illustration on each double-page spread. Most are excellent color photos of ancient sites, but other captioned photos and clearly labeled diagrams also illustrate the text. The book concludes with a glossary and lists of recommended books and Web sites. Other volumes in the series are Bridges and Spans, Skyscrapers and High Rises, Modern Wonders, and Dams and Waterways. Grades 7-10. --Carolyn Phelan