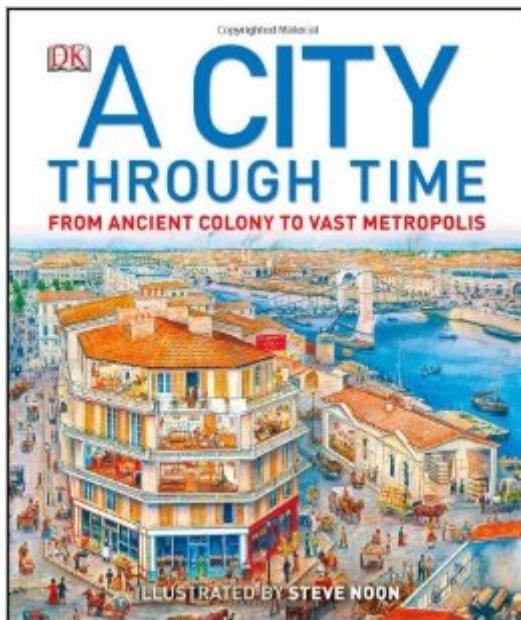


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# A City Through Time



## Synopsis

Illustrated by Steve Noon Revised and updated for a new generation! In the bestselling *A City Through Time*, readers are invited to follow the progress of an imaginary city through six key periods of time, each captured by a scene of the city and zooming in on key buildings like a Roman bathhouse, medieval castle, and a modern skyscraper. Illustrations by award-winning artist Steve Noon provide a unique history of city life, transporting readers from an early Greek settlement to an industrial metropolis, while pull-outs surrounding the illustrations introduce the reader to the people who lived there, from Greek slaves to modern-day commuters. New to this edition is a photographic section exploring amazing real-life cities – from ancient Babylon to Constantinople to 21st-century Tokyo. Supports the Common Core State Standards.

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## Customer Reviews

My children greatly enjoy all the books in this series, and while Anne Millard does a great job with the facts it is the art of Steve Noon that really makes these books phenomenal. Easily understood information that is very interesting appears on each page, and with characters you can follow throughout the book you can spend a long time searching for them -- which allows you to really appreciate all the other historically accurate mini-scenes that play out all over. I will admit that I have been known to look through these books even when my children aren't around. This book, and all

the others in this series, should be enjoyable for all children of all ages. Even those who aren't old enough to read will still love the pictures and learn something. Older children learn quite a bit, and keep coming back to the book because there is always something new to find. I highly recommend this book, and encourage any parent to add all of them to their collection!

This new title from DK Canada has been created to resemble to the book *A Street Through Time* that I have reviewed in the past. Imagine a city where you can see the progress through time. That's what this book is about. The first two pages, will give you a rapid eye view of the first steps of the city with stone age hunters, a camp bu the review, the first farmers. how tombs were made, the metalworkers and traders from the sea. As soon as you turn the page you will embark on a journey through time with various illustrations of what the city looked like at various time periods. The first city you will discover is the Greek colony with a temple, gymnasium and so on. Some inside can be seen because you get a cut-view out of the houses. You can also see how the people lived and dressed during that time period. In a way, you could use the two pages illustration as a search and find activity for your kids to find the people mentioned at the top and bottom of the pages. As you continue to explore history through this book, you will discover a Greek temple, a Roman city, the public baths during Roman Empire, a medieval city, a castle, a palace and fountains from 1650, the town hall from 1650, an industrial port in 1880, a train station in 1880, as well as steel and glass and high-rise constructions from today's age. At the end of the book, you can have more historical information about architecture, technology, work, play and costume through these time periods. You will also have information about historical cities like Ur, Thebes, Athens, Rome, Tikal, Constantinople. Chang'an, Baghdad, Delhi, London, New York and Tokyo. I find this book to be extremely interesting to complement your history lessons - the pages are beautifully illustrated to bring you a picture of what the city would look like in a specific time period. Historically, it can show you and your children how people lived, dressed, what they ate and how they spend their time. For example, in the Public Baths pages, you will learn about how the water was brought to the baths and how it could be warmed and flushed. This book is perfect to bring with you in the car when you are travelling long distance or waiting at an appointment of some sort. It will keep your kids busy and entertain while learning at the same time. I find the two book somewhat complete themselves as one will illustrate a city which will give you the big picture of life during a time period while the other will show you a street which will give you a closer view of a section of the city through history.

I love all the books in this series. This one has almost too much on each two page spread (more

than some of the others in the series). But it's worth spending the time really looking and exploring the pages. Each book in this series takes a plot of land, in this case various parts of a city (not always from the exact same location in this one), and shows how it changes from pre-history human occupation through various key times in history (Greeks, Romans, Middle Ages, Industrial Rev. through to modern times). Because of the detail in this book, it would probably take several sittings to go through it together with your kids. It would also be a great one to leave out on the coffee table. It's the kind of book kids will pick up over and over again. There's a small amount of text on each page. Then around the edges there are "characters" which you can then try to find in the picture. This helps give the pages focus. I think this series of books are a great supplement to world history study and/or interesting to read and study just for fun.

I bought "A City Through Time" for a six year old. I was afraid that it was too advanced for his age when I received it, but his mother says it is a hit. :) They go through it a page at a time with him and he soaks it up like a sponge. Great book. An excellent way to introduce a child to the concepts of time and history. The illustrations are fascinating and entertaining...even an adult will learn things here. Probably more suited to an eight or nine year old ideally.

Love these kinds of books. Fascinating. Really enjoy reading it with my little kids. In these age of ipads and tablets, there is still something about flipping through paper books with good illustrations.

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