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Mann conveys the story as adventure without ever resorting to melodrama and explores the history and architecture... in highly readable form. (*Booklist*)

[Starred review:] Eye-catching... beautifully designed. (*School Library Journal*)

Informative, entertaining, often riveting, these books offer readers important pieces of history and bring the civilizations to life... A must-have series! Highly recommended. (Gail Hamilton *Canadian Materials* 2006-10-27)

About the Author

Elizabeth Mann has written nine Wonders of the World books, an award-winning series. She is former teacher in New York, holds an M.S.E. and is cofounder of Mikaya Press.

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