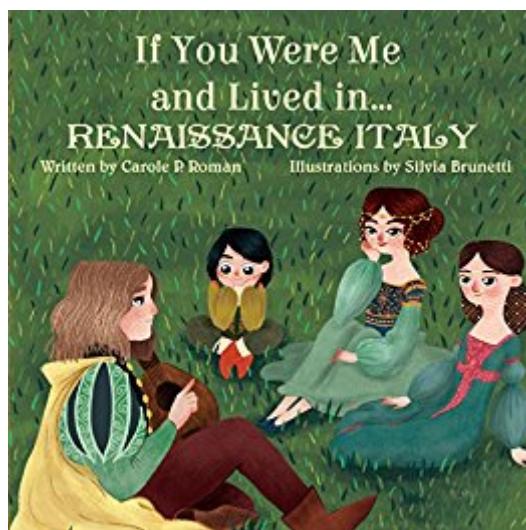


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If You Were Me And Lived In... Renaissance Italy: An Introduction To Civilizations Throughout Time



Synopsis

Join Carole P. Roman and travel through time to visit the most interesting civilizations throughout history in the first four books of her new series. Learn what kind of food you might eat in Ancient Greece, the clothes you wore in 15th century Renaissance Italy, what your name could be in Elizabethan England, and what Colonial American children did for fun. *If You Were Me and Lived in...* does for history what her other award-winning series did for culture. So get on-board this time-travel machine and discover the world through the eyes of a young person just like you.

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Customer Reviews

Renaissance Italy is a time period commonly known for its architecture and paintings. There is much history from this time period that we commonly see influenced today. How much do you know about the Renaissance era? "If You Were Me and Lived in... Renaissance Italy" by Carole P. Roman and illustrated by Silvia Brunetti is a very educational and informative story that brings the reader to the late 1400s. The descriptions of type of work, clothing, inside the homes, education, etc are exceptional and makes the reader feel like they are right there. As the wealthy Medici are described as the owners of the largest bank in Europe, they spend a lot of money for elaborate paintings and

architecture. They often had balls where they constantly needed new gowns and outfits made of the finest fabrics brought in from other countries like silk from China. Children often shared a room with their siblings, boys in one room and girls in another. Sometimes the home had a shop in it where there was a hole in the floor above the shop so the father could see if anyone came into the shop. The boys would wear clothing like their father's, just in smaller sizes, while the girls would wear clothing like their mother. The status of the family was often evident with their clothing. The boys often went to school and the girls would stay home to practice their daily chores and duties like sewing, cooking, cleaning, and baking. Prior to this book, I knew very little about the Renaissance era and now I feel very informed. The book includes historical information and commonly mentioned names from this time period. I read this aloud to my 8-year-old son, who perked his head up when I said the names of Michaelangelo, Leonardo, Donatello, and Raphael. This is when he realized the turtles he's been watching on television were named after famous men from Renaissance Italy. It's always great when he can connect the dots on his own! This is one of many in the "If You Were Me and Lived in..." series by Carole P. Roman. As I will be sharing about more of these great books, I'd like to comment about how this story in particular was educational for me as a grown adult! Thank you for teaching me more about what I thought I knew already! A soft cover copy was provided for an honest review. I highly recommend this book and the others in this series to anyone interested in learning more about other cultures and time periods. It's a simple read and the illustrations are very relevant.

We received this book to give an honest review. So in this story we are learning about how it was to live in Renaissance Italy in the 15th century. It is amazing how much has changed since that time period. We learn what your name may have been, to how houses looked to, what you may have worn. We get information on how people lived then and how some people were wealthy and some were not. I think this was a bit of an eye opener for K as he got to see the different jobs so to speak within this book. Like servants had to live at the top of the house where it was the hottest part to where they only had a certain outfit to wear. We also learn about the clothing, schooling and the giant carnival. At the end of the book is not only a glossary but information on famous people who were a part of the Renaissance along with why art was important. I really liked the pictures that were in this book especially the one that showed how the currency looked. I wonder what else the author will write about as far as time periods go as it is neat to learn new things that we didn't know before. Questions and Answers with K1. Did you like the book? "Yes" 2. Was there anything in the book that you liked more? "I liked how they talked about the food they ate." 3. Would you recommend

this book?"Mom, you always ask me this question. I would tell my teacher to add this book to the classroom"

The author has written this book for children ages 7- 14 and grades 3 - 7. This story goes back approximately 500 years ago to 1488 and starts in the region of Tuscany, Italy outside of Florence. The first page has a picture of Italy which will allow the children to see exactly where this area is located. And, the first two illustrations of Florence are 'then' and 'now' in which the reader is encouraged to see the differences and the similarities. I must admit that when viewing the 'now' illustration, I got the urge to travel back to Florence to once again see the beautiful city full of rich history and magnificent art work. AH - to be young again. The art work accompanies the text and is well done. In particular, I enjoyed the drawing of the palazzo (home) which enables the reader to see the location of each room and the purpose for each one. I did pity the location of the servant's quarters. Heat rises so one knows it was not the preferred area in the home. Common names for children are included and the food listings made me hungry. One thing I did not know was that the girls were betrothed at age 12 and married at age 16. The Carnival before Lent was an impressive affair, as well. I also learned about 'make-up' for women including lips, face and eyelids. Who knew? Lots of information included in this book which is both educational and entertaining. Florence was called 'The Athens of the Middle Ages' as there was a reawakening of human creativity including art as well as literacy. At the conclusion of the book there is a glossary and a list of famous people. Most highly recommended. Please note that I obtained this book through the Kindle Unlimited Program.

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