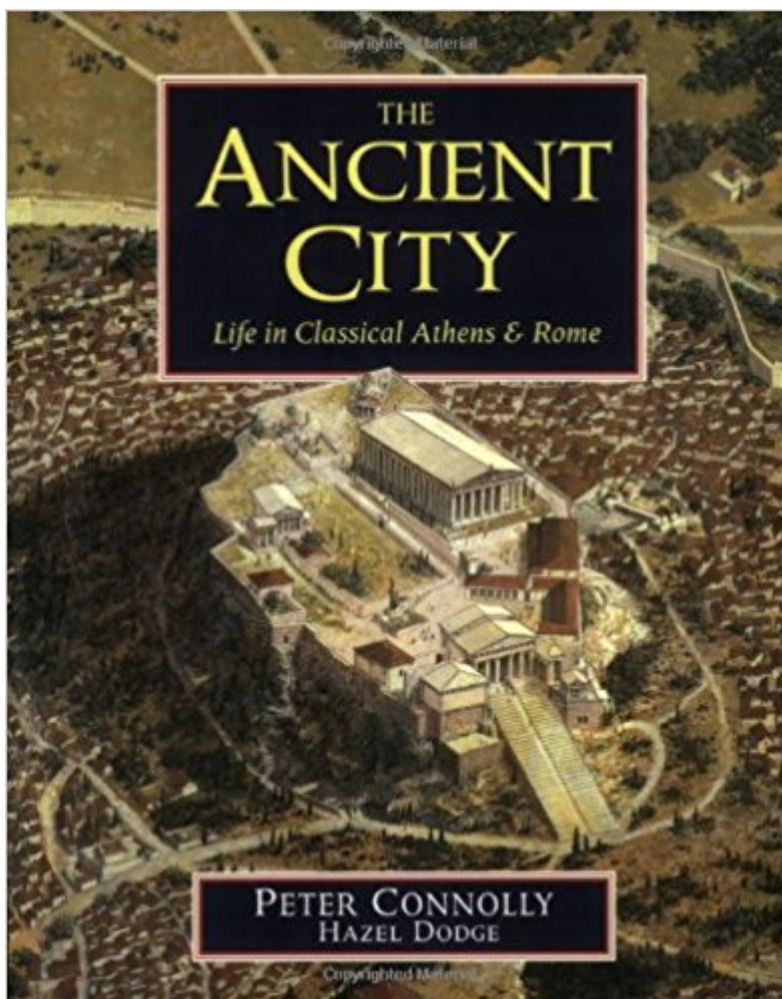


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# The Ancient City: Life In Classical Athens And Rome



## Synopsis

In this superbly illustrated volume, Athens and Rome, the two greatest cities of antiquity, spring to life under the masterful pen of Peter Connolly. All the historical and archaeological evidence has been seamlessly pieced together to reconstruct the architectural wonders of these mighty civilizations. Re-creating public buildings, religious temples, shops, and houses, Connolly reveals every aspect of life in glorious detail, from religion and food to drama, games, and the baths. In addition to the great monuments and moments of classical Greece and Rome, readers learn about a typical day in the life of an Athenian and a Roman. They read about and see the houses people inhabited; attend 5 day festivals and go to the theater; fight great battles and witness the birth of Rome's navy; visit temples and spend a day at the chariot races. The spectacular artwork and vivid descriptions provide a window into the fascinating history of these two extraordinary cities and civilizations. *The Ancient City* is the crowning achievement of Peter Connolly's distinguished career.

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Peter Connolly's marvelous full-color drawings of the public and private structures of Athens and Rome are the perfect illustrative counterpart to his detailed description of city life (cowritten by Hazel Dodge) in the classical era. *The Ancient City* covers the Greece of the golden years of Athens (approximately the 4th to 3rd centuries B.C.), and the Roman Empire from the reign of Augustus to the reign of Septimius Severus (27 B.C. to A.D. 211). In addition to such monuments as the

Parthenon and the Colosseum, adolescent readers--and adults just beginning to study the ancient world--can learn about the two era's different forms of government, contemporary fashions, home life, and entertainment. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Peter Connolly's art work is good just in itself that I could buy a book on his illustrations and reconstructions alone this book will make Ancient Greece and Rome come to life far more exciting then just reading another book on this topic when reading the information and seeing the illustrations gives you a far better idea of what life was like back then. See what the temples, the city, the people, clothing worn looked like in antiquity I have read more than enough books On Greece and Rome and I can honestly say this is the best that covers the topic of the ancient cities of Athens and Rome So I highly recommended this book to anyone who has an interest in ancient history.

Peter Connolly's illustrations bring to life with artistic and historical precision the streets and buildings on Ancient Rome and Greece in a way that will entrance both knowledgeable scholars and young students. This book should find its way into every classroom and home library with any interest in the classical world, as Connolly breathes life into the kitchens, lavatories, temples and villas of this distant but very human world. Students will realize, yes, these cities actually were peopled by genuine humans! Publisher, waste no time in preparing an enhanced e-book version to bring Peter Connolly's illustrations into brighter, closer view!

Having just visited Rome and Athens I wanted a book that explained some of what I had seen and

also showed what are now ruins as they looked in antiquity. This book does that and a great deal more. From cutaway views to recreations and more important discussion of events and the history of each of these cities it is a valuable resource to which I have turned more than a few times. If you have been or are going to Athens and/or Rome this would be a wonderful book to study before you go, take with you (if room) and to enjoy on your return. If you are just interested in these cities in antiquity this book will not disappoint. If there were 6 stars I would give it to this book!

I teach Classical Studies from the junior school to the senior student and am always on the lookout for resource material which can make the subject more inherently interesting. This book has it all-a wealth .of information presented in a great format with brilliant illustrations. I have posters by the author hanging in my classroom but in this production he outdoes himself. I can now readily picture what the great Panathenaic procession might have looked like , what happened in bathing establishments and how the average citizen coped with the problems of everyday life. If anyone ever thought the Classics were dull, I would encourage him or her to peruse this book. A new adventure awaits the reader.

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I wanted a basic overview text on Greek and Roman civilizations. Luckily I stumbled upon this book by Connolly and Dodge. The book is terrific. The layout is excellent. The writing is succinct and the text moves along smoothly. I now have a basic knowledge of Greek and Roman eras. I got a lot more out of this book by also reading Edith Hamilton's *The Greek Way*. However, I must confess, this book is far more interesting and keeps one glued. A joy to read. Very highly recommended.

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