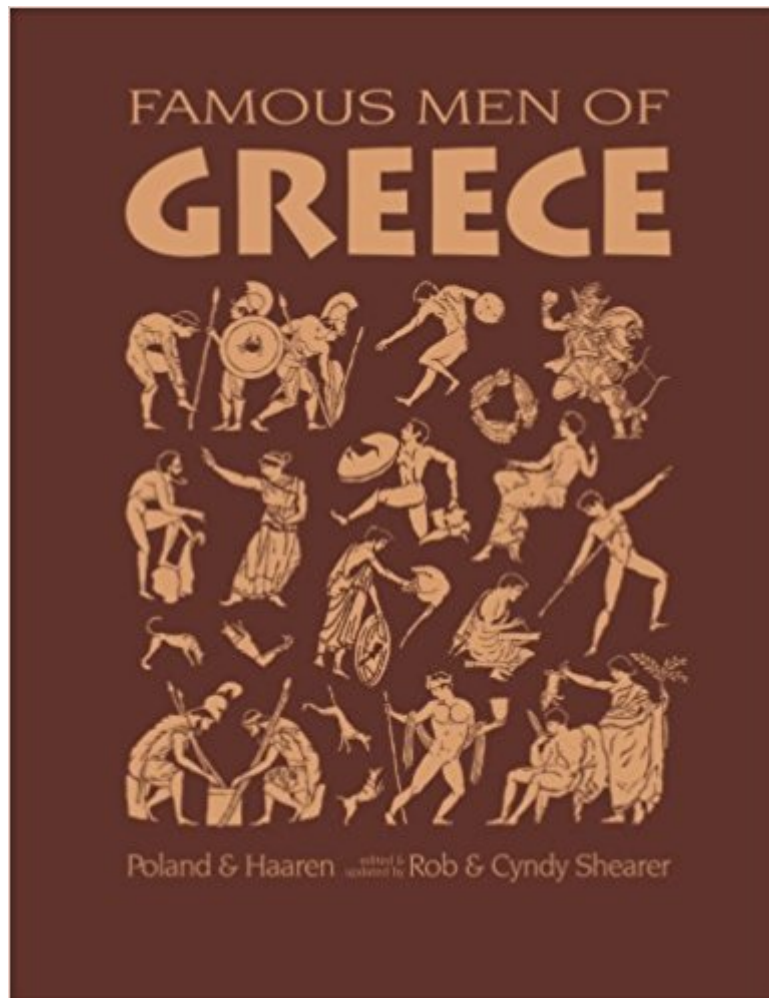




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Famous Men Of Greece (Greenleaf Press)



Synopsis

The history of Greece is taught chronologically, as students read short biographical sketches outlining the lives of important figures. The selections begin with the Greek creation and flood stories, then continue with legendary figures like Perseus, Hercules, and Jason. Then come the leaders of the Trojan War: Agamemnon, Achilles, & Odysseus. The lawgivers of the Greek cities (Lycurgus, Draco, & Solon) are profiled and the leaders who led the defense of Greece against the Persian invasion are covered (Miltiades, Leonidas, & Themistocles). The second half of the book covers the Greek classical period (Pericles, Alcibiades, & Socrates) and finally, the age of Alexander the Great (Demosthenes, Aristotle, & Ptolemy). Your fourth or fifth graders should be able to enjoy it independently, older students can read it as well and not feel like they have been given something that is "babyish." The text includes a new preface by Rob & Cyndy Shearer, as well as an essay for Christian parents titled, "What to do about Mythology?" Note: The Greenleaf Press edition is NOT identical to the 1904 edition, or to the editions reprinted by other publishers. It has been edited, updated, and supplemented with additional material.

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Customer Reviews

John Henry Haaren (1855-1916) was an American educator and historian. Haaren's father was German and his mother Irish. He studied under Prof. N. M. Butler at Columbia University, 1889-91, before becoming a teacher in New York. In 1907 he became Associate Superintendent of Schools

in New York, increasing the number and efficiency of kindergartens and starting classes to teach English to foreigners. He was president of the department of pedagogy in the Brooklyn Institute. Haaren High School (which was located on 10th Avenue between 58th and 59th Streets in Manhattan) was named in his honor. The Charles B. J. Snyder-designed school which was initially DeWitt Clinton High School is now Haaren Hall on the campus of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

I have an earlier edition of this book, which I think is great. I ordered a second copy here recently, and there's a major, major publishing error in this edition. No numbers are included in the book! For instance, it will say something like, "Pericles lived from ____ to ____ B.C." Or "Sparta was able to marshall ____ fighting men, but Athens could recruit only ____". There are no Arabic numerals anywhere in the book though numbers that are spelled out do appear. So, somehow it went to press without the numbers being inserted. Don't buy it.

Looks like this is a new Kindle edition of an older work. 3,335 locations. The title misled me a bit, as I expected only historical people. Almost half of the book talks about gods and legends. Great stuff, just not what I was expecting. The rest gives mini-biographies on historical Greeks and Macedonians. Got this while it was free. A fun, informative read, so easy to recommend. The Greek Gods are given their Roman names in this work.

I am a homeschooling mom who is introducing Greek and Roman history to my children. Haaren's writing is good, but it is mere text. The edition put out by Memoria Press has beautiful illustrations which makes it much more effective with young ones.

I found the book to be informative, however, I am not impressed with the style of writing. It does not have a nice flow to it. In some instances, it is choppy and unclear. Also, being that this is a book on ancient Greece, the author should have consistently used the Greek God's names and not the Roman. I did not like having to change the names myself and improve upon the writing style as I read aloud to my children. But, over all it is a decent book; and I do recommend it along with the student guide and teacher guide to "Famous Men of Greece."

My daughter is using this book for Greek studies along with the workbook from Memoria Press. She is using the eBook version of this book. Her biggest frustration has been the fact that it mixes up the

Roman and Greek names for the gods. That makes this a very poor primary text. D'Aulaire's book is far superior at least for the Greek gods portion for the same audience.

This was a great introduction to Ancient Greece, not only for children, but for adults who missed out on a classical education. It introduces Gods and Goddesses, as well as talking about the famous heroes and leaders of that former nation. A good resource to help the adult understand references in literature and elsewhere to these individuals who have had influence on our own stories and government.

I like reading it. For fun only. I read it and liked it over and over again . Very well written.

I got this book for my kids that I homeschool. They read it, enjoyed it, and learned a lot while we were studying ancient Greece.

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