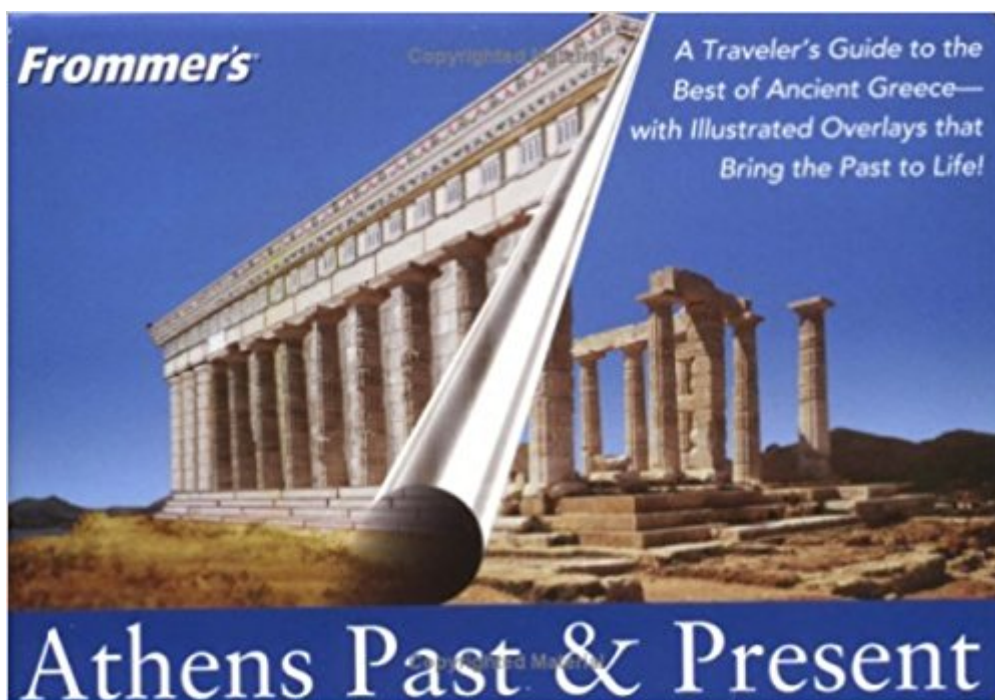


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This illustrated guide was tremendously helpful in seeing how various monuments were originally versus how they are now. Highly recommended.Updated 1/3/2015. I love this book. It is a great souvenir from my trip to Athens and was extremely useful in imagining what these ruins looked like in their full glory. Without these overlay images, it's very hard to see what was where, and I still love looking at the overlays for just that reason. My back cover says twenty one ninety five and I'm sure I

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While I do enjoy looking at the "before/after" overlays that show me the differences between the ancient city and modern ruins, I somehow expected this book to be bigger. I guess I had it in my mind that this would be more like a smaller coffee-table book. (Unfortunately, I have come to distrust the listed product dimensions in an item's description, because so many times they are inaccurate). Still, the book is very nicely done and I'm quite enjoying it. I would REALLY be enjoying it if I hadn't forked out \$30 for such a small book, however!

During my Navy career ships in which I served visited Athens a number of times. My being an ancient history buff and an armchair archaeologist quickly led to Athens' becoming my favorite city. This unique little book was like a return visit to Athens for me with the added benefit of the clever overlays showing what Athens was in its days of glory. This book is a priceless addition to my library.

Looking forward to the trip!

I enjoy this book. Clever idea that helps bring the past to life...sorry best cliché I could come up with.

The before and after pictures are an excellent resource when trying to visualize the ancient culture as it might have been!! I recently went on vacation to Italy and Greece and focused my souvenir shopping on these books. I had little problem in Italy but in Greece they tended to be overpriced. I was happy to find my theory true, that I would almost certainly find it on Amazon, and saved myself almost \$10. The exact same book was around 25 depending on your bargaining skills!

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