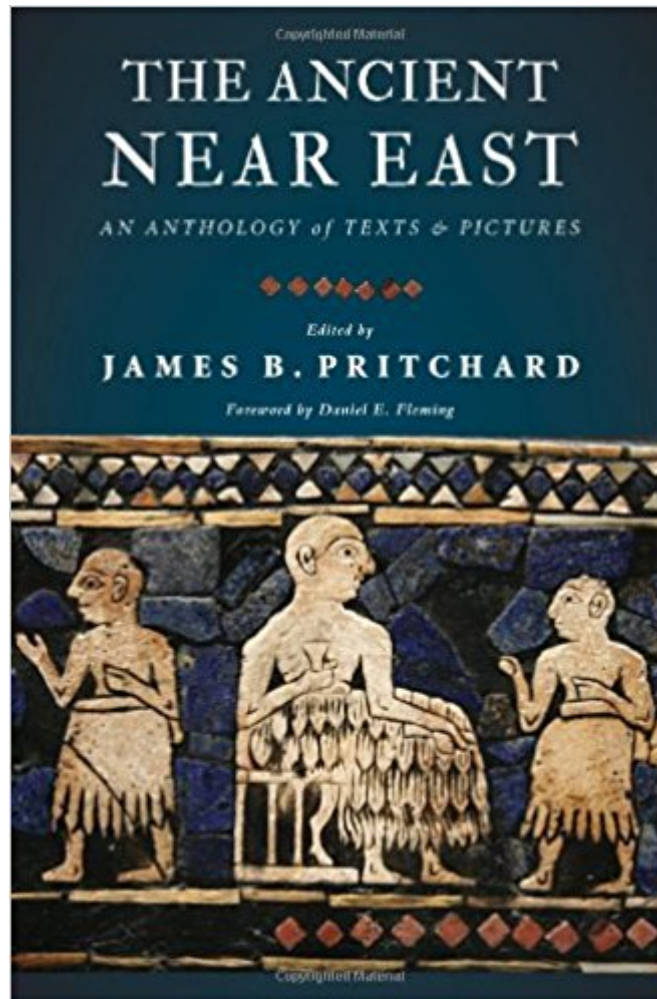


The book was found

The Ancient Near East: An Anthology Of Texts And Pictures



Synopsis

James Pritchard's classic anthologies of the ancient Near East have introduced generations of readers to texts essential for understanding the peoples and cultures of this important region. Now these two enduring works have been combined and integrated into one convenient and richly illustrated volume, with a new foreword that puts the translations in context. With more than 130 reading selections and 300 photographs of ancient art, architecture, and artifacts, this volume provides a stimulating introduction to some of the most significant and widely studied texts of the ancient Near East, including the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Creation Epic (Enuma elish), the Code of Hammurabi, and the Baal Cycle. For students of history, religion, the Bible, archaeology, and anthropology, this anthology provides a wealth of material for understanding the ancient Near East. Represents the diverse cultures and languages of the ancient Near East--Sumerian, Akkadian, Egyptian, Hittite, Ugaritic, Canaanite, and Aramaic--in a wide range of genres: Historical texts Legal texts and treaties Inscriptions Hymns Didactic and wisdom literature Oracles and prophecies Love poetry and other literary texts Letters New foreword puts the classic translations in context More than 300 photographs document ancient art, architecture, and artifacts related to the texts Fully indexed

Book Information

Paperback: 512 pages

Publisher: Princeton University Press; 1 edition (November 28, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0691147264

ISBN-13: 978-0691147260

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 1.4 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviewsÂ (16 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #64,406 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #31 inÂ Books > Textbooks >

Humanities > History > Middle East #36 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > Ancient & Medieval

Literature > Ancient & Classical #67 inÂ Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History > Ancient

Customer Reviews

"The Ancient Near East: An Anthology of Texts and Pictures" (2011) is a terrific book for the purposes for which it is intended -- as a textbook, or for supplementary readings. In any case, as a companion to other sources of information. It could also serve as an introduction (but only that) to

several ancient literatures. With the current (January 2013) discount, the paperback edition is a bargain. Putting together a collection of more recent translations to replace it would be far more expensive. However, it can't be considered as a stand-alone introduction to the world of the Hebrew Bible ("Old Testament"), as was the case with the full edition, back when it first appeared, sixty-some years ago. The volume is an abridged edition of the now-classic collection "Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament" (1950, corrected 1955; supplement / expanded edition 1969; commonly ANET) and its companion volume of "The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament" (1954; supplement / expanded edition 1969; commonly ANEP). A library reserve copy of ANET was essential reading for a seminar course on Mesopotamian mythology I took in the 1970s. Competent scholars have quoted its often felicitous translations for decades; some as recently as 2012 (albeit in a revision of work published in the 1980s). However, the present volume has been stripped of most headnotes, footnotes, and bibliographic information; which may leave a reader at a loss for where else to turn. This could have been handled better; several pages of new bibliography, put together by a few graduate students, could have enhanced the volume significantly.

This book delivers exactly what it promises - primary textual material from the Ancient Near East. The book covers a broad front ranging from Egypt, Akkad, Ugarit, Canaan and the other parts of the Ancient Near East ("ANE"). The texts that are provided include wisdom literature, letters, myths, and legal documents. This book is great for someone curious about the literature of the ANE and wants direct exposure to ANE literature itself. Although very brief introductions to some of the texts are provided as orientation, the book does not provide a great deal of interpretative material explaining the meaning or context of the texts. The reader is therefore left to interact directly with the ANE texts. This interaction is often tough sledding. A lot of the texts are formulaic or stilted or presume a cultural context that a modern reader can't understand. The texts are not something that a reader is likely to dip into for a casual read. In my experience, a certain motivation is required to generate the interest and determination necessary to complete the various texts. On the other hand, sometimes the stories can make for ripping good yarns. As part of some research I was doing after reading Mark Smith's *The Origins of Biblical Monotheism: Israel's Polytheistic Background and the Ugaritic Texts*, I read the section on the Ugaritic Ba'al cycle. In that section I read how Ba'al fought and beat the Leviathan, and then fought Mat (death). Initially, Ba'al loses to Mat, and, apparently dies, but after his consort Anath beats up Mat, Ba'al re-appears and this time wins.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Ancient Near East: An Anthology of Texts and Pictures Divination, Politics, and Ancient Near Eastern Empires (Ancient Near East Monographs) Cultural Atlas of Mesopotamia and the Ancient Near East Gods in the Desert: Religions of the Ancient Near East The Assyrians: The History of the Most Prominent Empire of the Ancient Near East Centro y periferia en el mundo antiguo: El Negev y sus interacciones con Egipto, Asiria, y el Levante en la Edad del Hierro (1200-586 a.C.) (Ancient Near East Monographs) (Volume 1) (Spanish Edition) Egyptian Mythology: Discover the Ancient Secrets of Egyptian Mythology (Egypt, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Civilizations, Gods, Pharaohs, Ra, Isis, Set) (Ancient Civilizations and Mythology) Vocational & Technical Schools - East: More Than 2,600 Vocational Schools East of the Mississippi River (Peterson's Vocational & Technical Schools & Programs: East) Books of Breathing and Related Texts -Late Egyptian Religious Texts in the British Museum Vol.1 (Catalogue of the Books of the Dead and Other Religious Texts in the British Museum) Flower Pictures Names And Descriptions.: Flower pictures names and descriptions. flower care, annual flowers, bulb flowers, orchids flowers, perennials flowers, roses, wild flowers, organic flowers. Sharks: 15 Weirdest Sharks in The World! Fun Facts, Pictures and More! (Shark Fun Facts, Shark Pictures, Shark Facts for Kids, Shark Books for Intermediate ... (Weirdest Animals in the World! Book 2) Dialect, Culture, and Society in Eastern Arabia: Glossary (Handbook of Oriental Studies/Handbuch Der Orientalistik) (Handbook of Oriental Studies: Section 1; The Near and Middle East) History: Greatest Ancient Civilization History: (History Rome, Romans, Egypt, SPQR, Aztec, Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Julius Caesar, Jesus, Muhammed, Alexander the Great) Sumerians: Discover History's First Civilization: Everything You Need to Know About the Sumerians of the Ancient World (Ancient History, Ancient Civilizations Handbook) Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament: Introducing the Conceptual World of the Hebrew Bible Democracy and Youth in the Middle East: Islam, Tribalism and the Rentier State in Oman (Library of Modern Middle East Studies) The Charitable Impulse: NGOs and Development in East and North East Africa Ritual, Politics, and the City in Fatimid Cairo (Suny Series in Medieval Middle East History) (Suny Series, Medieval Middle East History) The Struggle for the State in Jordan: The Social Origins of Alliances in the Middle East (Library of Middle East History) The Bamboo Texts of Guodian: A Study and Complete Translation, Volume 2 (Cornell East Asia Series)

[Dmca](#)