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Synopsis

Text and black and white illustrations show how the Romans planned and constructed their cities for the people who lived within them. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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"City charts the planning and building of an imaginary Roman city, 'Verbonia.' Macaulay focuses on the achievement of efficient and rational city planning. His brilliantly individualistic drawings capture the essential quality of the Roman character, the ability to organize." School Library Journal, Starred

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David Macaulay is an award-winning author and illustrator whose books have sold millions of copies in the United States alone, and his work has been translated into a dozen languages. Macaulay has garnered numerous awards including the Caldecott Medal and Honor Awards, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, the Christopher Award, an American Institute of Architects Medal, and the Washington Post Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award. In 2006, he was the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, given "to encourage people of outstanding talent to pursue their own creative, intellectual, and professional inclinations." Superb design, magnificent illustrations, and clearly presented information distinguish all of his books. David Macaulay lives with his family in Vermont. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Macaulay famously published books aimed at scholastic youth, which follow an architectural narrative, and *City* stays just in step. The book deals with the construction of an Ancient Roman city, and introduces the reader to expansionist Roman culture. Relying heavily on visuals, the book provides children plenty to enjoy with an easy-to-follow pace. Children are certainly not the only ones who can enjoy these books though, and I purchased this one in particular for artistic and historical reference - better as just a handbook for this, since these books are detailed but not expansive past their subject matter. It might be a little humbling, but we adults can pick these up and find a comforting welcome into a new subject. I recommend for: parents who want their child to learn a little more outside of school, artists, writers, and architecture enthusiasts. It's not very complex but it is thorough.

It augments what I am learning in a course on Roman architecture. The progressive sketches of the city's buildings as it expands are beautiful.

Wow! What a cool book! I bought this for my kids who will be taking Latin next year. It has a great layout with good information about how things were built in the Roman days. I enjoyed reading it myself as well!

Great Historical book. To humble those high and mighty city planners. I love the illustrations and diagrams inside the book. It makes a nice clear diagram and reference for how these ancient people use to build marvels and great structures without no need of aliens or magic lol. I am glad Romans left us diagrams, descriptions of how they did things or we have conspiracy nuts telling us Romans were using aliens or magic too just like Egyptians. So here is a way to educate your kid or yourself out of fantasist notions read this book.

David Macaulay's works are always entertaining, educational and literate, and this is no exception. A multitude of black-and-white line drawings illustrate the story of Roman urban planners as they design and construct a new city on the Roman empire's frontier. Every stage is explained thoroughly using text, illustrations and charts, from developing a master plan through construction. Tools are explained, cross-sections are used to good effect and specific projects such as a house, a road, a bridge and aqueduct, the forum and central market, public baths, the sewer system and an amphitheater and theater are represented. The book ends with a one-page glossary. If you or a student you know is interested in Roman engineering, this would be a marvelous book to read.

I love books by David Macaulay and I am student of ancient Rome. The details of the planning and construction of a city of the Roman Empire are amazing. The foresight of the city planners is proved when the city ultimately grows to 50,000 inhabitants and the city services still function smoothly. Construction methods are shown with detailed drawings. All in all, this book is a fascinating study of city planning two thousand years ago. Highly recommended.

The drawings are good, the "urban planning" thoughts are good, and some youngsters will like it quite a lot. I've given a number of Macaulay books to kids, and somehow I think this will not be quite so popular with them. Well done as always.

Excellent and terrific for me as I lived in Rome for 14 years and in many cases had seen the structures they demonstrated.

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