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David Roberts : Holy Land before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Holy Land:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. architecture at its best By G.I. Forbes This is a first class account of the architectural treasures of the Holyland which for the purposes of this book includes Israel, Jordan and the Sinai area of Egypt. Of necessity Jerusalem is listed with the most great buildings but Petra in Jordan and St. Catherine's in the Sinai are not forgotten. What makes the book are the outstanding photographs which would appear to cover everything of architectural interest. Although published in 2001 it is pleasing to note that none of these magnificent buildings have been damaged in one of the incessant Middle East wars.

With a history as ancient as that of humankind, the Holy Land contains an unparalleled wealth of archaeological ruins and monuments. Divided into chapters focusing on Jerusalem, North Israel, South Israel, Mount Sinai, and Jordan, this meticulously researched handbook explores vivid symbols of Jewish heritage like Masada and Tiberias and guides readers through such varied sites as the rock-cut city of Petra in Jordan, Megiddo—the supposed site of Armageddon, and St. Catherine's Monastery, the smallest Greek orthodox diocese in the world, delving into the highlights of each site's history and architecture. With a historic survey at the beginning of the book outlining the significant epochs and detailed photographs and plans throughout, this is an indispensable reference for the archaeologically minded traveler.

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