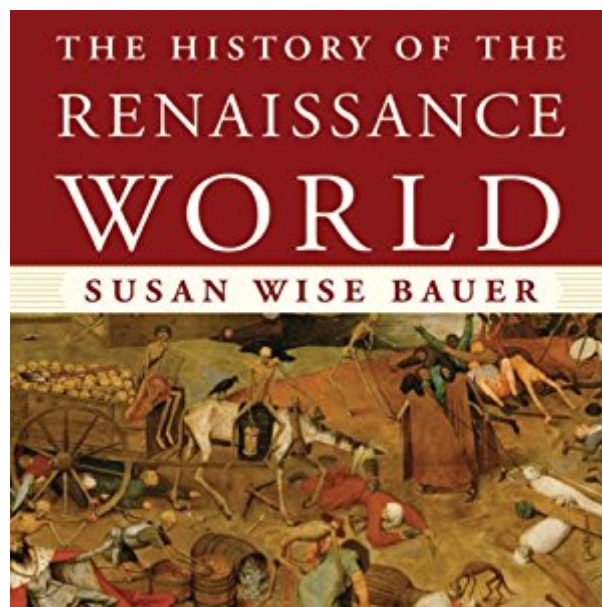




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Synopsis

A lively and fascinating narrative history about the birth of the modern world. Beginning in the heady days just after the First Crusade, this volume - the third in the series that began with *The History of the Ancient World* and *The History of the Medieval World* - chronicles the contradictions of a world in transition. Popes continue to preach crusade, but the hope of a Christian empire comes to a bloody end at the walls of Constantinople. Aristotelian logic and Greek rationality blossom while the Inquisition gathers strength. As kings and emperors continue to insist on their divine rights, ordinary people all over the world seize power: the lingayats of India, the Jacquerie of France, the Red Turbans of China, and the peasants of England. New threats appear, as the Ottomans emerge from a tiny Turkish village and the Mongols ride out of the East to set the world on fire. New currencies are forged, new weapons invented, and world-changing catastrophes alter the landscape: the Little Ice Age and the Great Famine kill millions; the Black Death, millions more. In the chaos of these epoch-making events, our own world begins to take shape. Impressively researched and brilliantly told, *The History of the Renaissance World* offers not just the names, dates, and facts but the memorable characters who illuminate the years between 1100 and 1453 - years that marked a sea change in mankind's perception of the world.

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This whole series is really enjoyable to read. Its like back to college again only without the pressure of memorization which in this case seems to be very difficult. I have these books on audible so I was able to listen to the correct pronunciation of the complicated names within the book. Was a fun

enjoyable read with both the book and the audio going at the same time. Also liked the second volume. The Medieval World. Highly recommend. If you can get the audio with audible you'll enjoy that also. These names get very tough to pronounce correctly.

Reading this work of history is like watching an engaging documentary. Susan writes in a way that reads like an enthusiastic narrator in the readers mind. Her infectious passion for history is easily recognizable and renders the reader transfixed. Remarkably done! It should be in every High School!!

I'd just finished reading a book on ancient history, followed by one on the middle ages. The books were filled with one war after the other. War. War. War. So, I was really looking forward to a book on the Renaissance with his art, architecture, and great thinkers. I'd looked forward to savoring it for weeks. While The History of the Renaissance World was very well written and full of interesting facts, I was extremely disappointed that it included nothing that I'd imagined . . . just more wars.

Reading it now - she is a gifted writer with a touch that is both light and deep, something difficult to sustain. I look forward to buying and reading many more of her books.

The History of the Renaissance World covers the period from the rediscovery of Aristotle through the conquest of Constantinople. The chapters are relatively short and rotate around the world in a relatively chronological manner. The history is far from dry, and often is downright funny. Bauer has quite a talent at telling a story. I definitely recommend this book to anyone interested in history.

An excellent survey of the period. I wish something like this had existed when I was in school since the different regions are covered chronologically. There are charts at the end of each chapter that show you the major players in each region/time period. It is also written in a style that keeps the reader interested.

I've purchased and read Ms. Bauer's other two "History of the World" books, and I debated whether to purchase it in hardback or on the Kindle. I decided to go with the Kindle version because I like having an easily accessible dictionary at a mere touch of a finger. I have a Kindle Paperwhite and a Kindle Fire, HD. I was disappointed that the e-book isn't (yet) more than a scanned in copy of sorts. The index, for instance, does not have links but lists the pages of the paper book. I'd like to be able

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I have read her other 2 chronological history books. All were enjoyable and thorough. Looking forward to when she continues forward in time with another book.

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