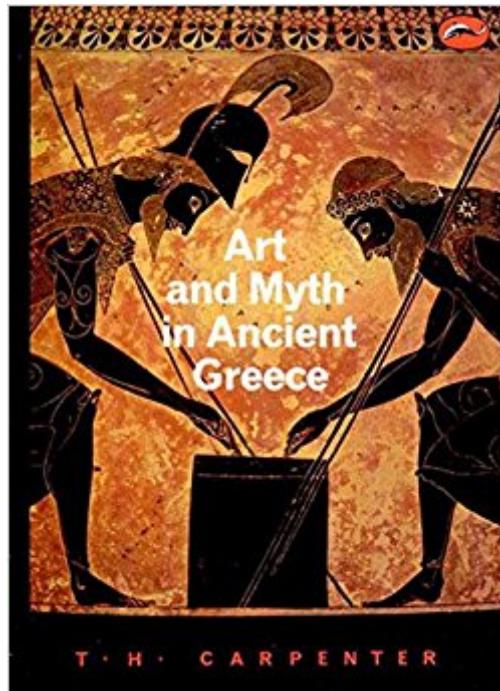


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This is great as a nice introductory survey of artwork, some myth, and some history of ancient

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A damn good guide and companion to one's Woodford.

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