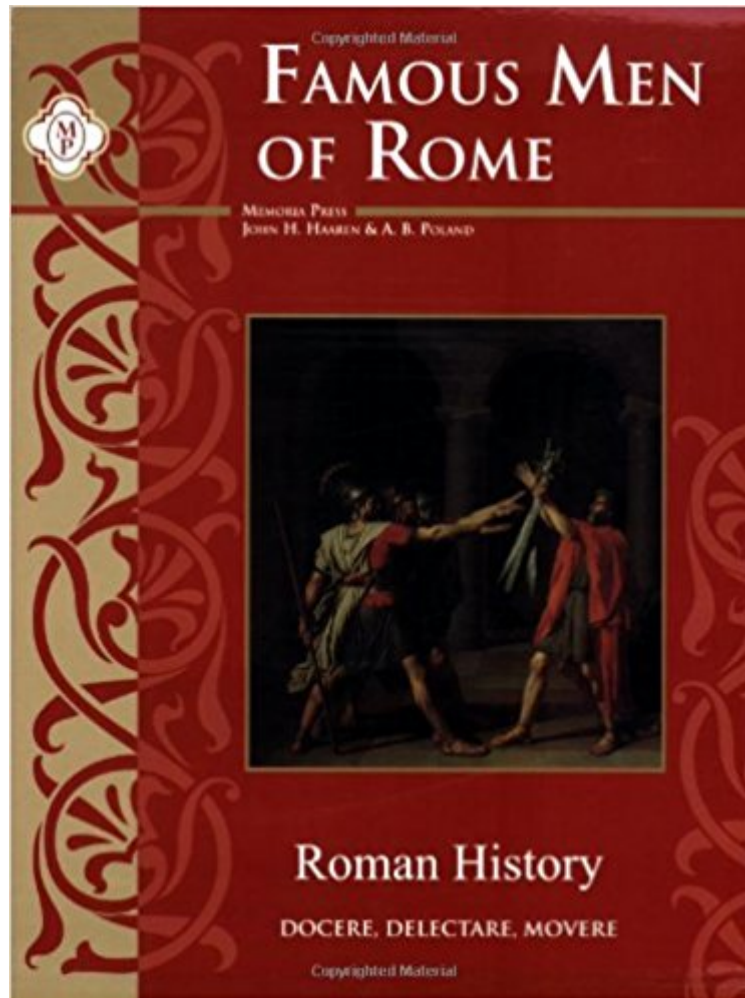




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# **Famous Men Of Rome, Text**



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## Customer Reviews

John Henry Haaren (1855-1916) was an American educator and historian. John Haaren studied under Prof. N. M. Butler at Columbia University, 1889-91, before becoming a teacher in New York. In 1907 he became Associate Superintendent of Schools in New York, increasing the number and efficiency of kindergartens and starting classes to teach English to foreigners. Haaren was president of the department of pedagogy in the Brooklyn Institute. Haaren High School (which was located on 10th Avenue between 58th and 59th Streets in Manhattan) was named in his honor. The Charles B. J. Snyder-designed school which was initially DeWitt Clinton High School is now Haaren Hall on the

campus of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Haaren wrote a several history books which are still appreciated today, of which this is one. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This book is horribly written. You would do better looking up blogs for many of these stories- also this book is accessible online the COMPLETE book so you can read it and see for yourself if it's worth it- I wish I had before purchasing.

This book is a wonderful survey of the famous names of Rome: names that every classically trained child should know. It is the most complete resource of this kind (at the elementary level), and for that I give it 5 stars. It's a book that I'm glad to own. I am removing a star, however, because of the poor writing (and editing). The true test of writing is having it read aloud; in this area, the book does not score well. I'm reading the book aloud to my children, and it's awkward in many places. The content is still worth reading, so we plow forward, but it really is bumpy at times. I also have a few quibbles with the emphasis on (or spin of) various facts, as mentioned by other reviewers. As such, I feel it's important to read the stories in advance so that I can edit as I see fit.

Our family is using this text with the workbooks from Memoria Press in our classical homeschool adventure. I give it a two thumbs up, as the stories are interesting and I am enjoying the history as much as my 4th and 6th graders! The text is well written, easy to understand, and keeps your interest unlike various other history texts books my public-schooled older children had used.

We (myself and three sons) are reading this book together, and the Memoria Press text is in a nice, easy to read font with WONDERFUL, full color pictures. The pictures add so much to the text, they are truly works of art. The stories cover many famous Roman men, starting with Romulus. Most of the chapters are short, and provide a nice biographical overview of the men. I prefer to introduce history with interesting biographies of people, rather than expecting young children to remember a chronology of events, and the Famous Men books fill that need for us.

Excellent book for classical education, teaches about the famous men who lived in Rome during the height of the Roman empire. My middle school child loved it. I would recommend it highly.

I've homeschooled for eleven years, and I've used both the Famous Men of Greece and Famous Men of Rome for homeschooling two of my four girls and have been very happy with them. I wish I'd

had these resources when my teenager was younger as it would help with her current high school reading of Herodotus, Thucydides, Plato, and Homer, etc. I plan on using Famous Men of Greece and Famous Men of Rome with my youngest child as well. Each chapter is an entertaining biography of a famous person from Ancient Rome who was instrumental in building western culture. The biographies are in chronological order from earliest to most recent and the whole book will bring you through the three stages of Ancient Rome: monarchy, republic, and empire. The author knows what kinds of events inspire and form the imagination of young children. It's been a real conversation-starter! I don't mind that women are not the "famous" individuals listed in the book because women had different roles at this time in history, and the notable women of the time are generously mentioned in the story. This gives us a chance to google them or hit the library for more information if we wish. Ancient Men of Rome is in no way a complete study of the Ancient Roman culture, but it is a good way to get started and a great foundation for further study. I recommend the Memoria Press Student Guide to go along with Ancient Men of Rome for a more structured, classical approach to teaching this material. The student guide (there is a teachers guide as well) brings out important points in the reading and gives lists for memorization such as the seven hills of Rome, the monarchs, consuls and emperors, and the poem Horatio at the Bridge. The student guide also has maps of Ancient Italy, the ancient city of Rome, and finally the Roman Empire so the student can visualize the terrain where the action takes place...and the set up of the ancient city of Rome up to the whole Ancient Roman Empire. Finally, I really love the quotation sheets and timeline in the student guides. I've tried this and the Greenleaf edition of this text and their guide book before, and I prefer this edition and the Memoria Press student guide by far. It far surpasses the Greenleaf Guide. My only gripe about this edition of the book is the removal of the chapter on Diocletian which really makes no sense at all. Luckily, we had the Greenleaf edition as well, so we didn't have to miss it. For more in-depth study, we supplement with DK books, library books, documentaries and movies about Ancient Rome. We are Catholic, so I'm not planning on using anything from the Ancient Men series after the Ancient Civilizations of Greece and Rome because of the typical misunderstandings of the Church's role during subsequent historical periods. I have not seen anything from Famous Men after Greece and Rome in any of the Catholic curriculum companies I've encountered in my search so far (although I have not exhausted them all by any means), so I plan to use books recommended by solid Catholic curriculum companies and supplement them with biographies of the saints, famous military leaders, scientists, and artists and library books for the rest of the story until junior high the next year when we begin the Christ the King, Lord of History by Anne Carrol.

I think its fantastic.

This book was under Memoria Press Famous Men of Rome but is NOT the book that the cover picture showed it to be. I had to order a different book for my 5th grader! NO pictures and an adult would find it difficult to read the small print!

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