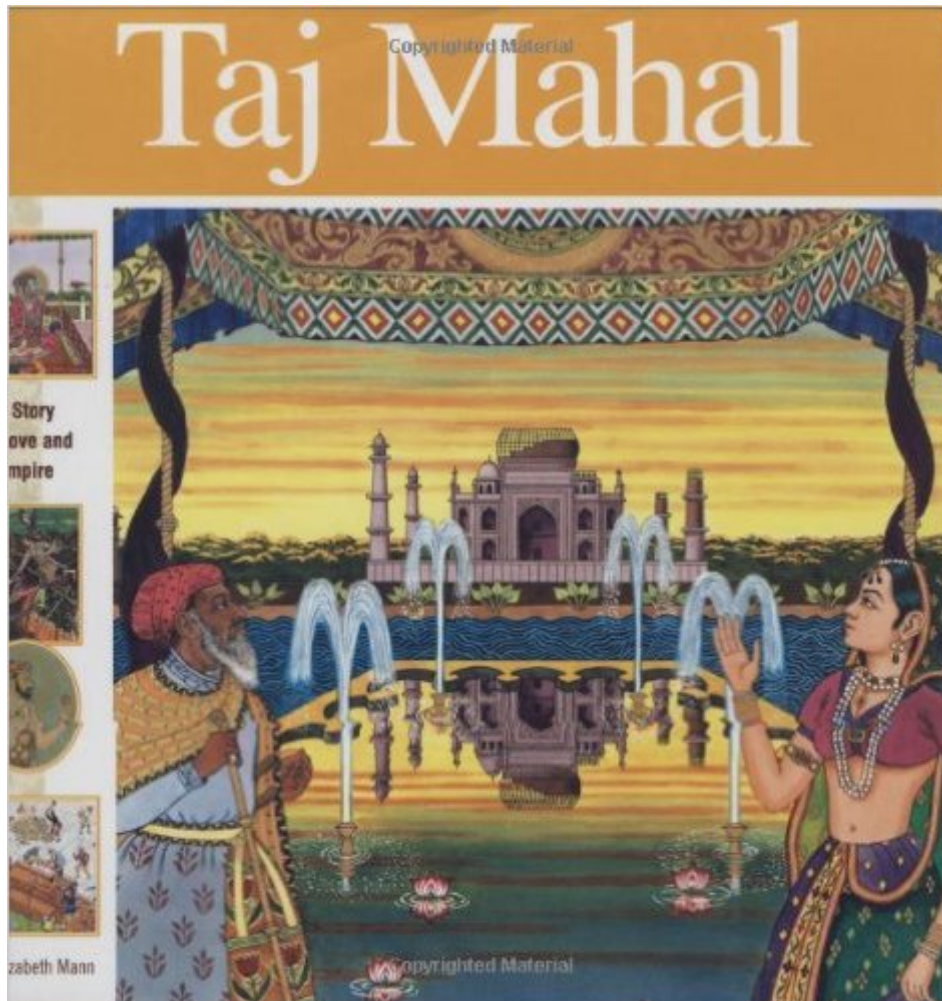


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# Taj Mahal: A Story Of Love And Empire (Wonders Of The World Book)



## Synopsis

The Magnificent Mughals of India. Shah Jahan, ruler of India, murdered three of his brothers in his bloody rise to power. Yet when his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal, suddenly died, the grief-stricken emperor built the world's most beautiful tomb as a monument to her memory. Shah Jahan was the fifth emperor of the Mughal dynasty. The Mughals combined the brute force and fierce ambition of their legendary ancestor Genghis Khan with a delicate artistic sensitivity. Theirs was a world where even forts were architectural gems, where emperors had their life stories told in exquisite miniature paintings, and where each new ruler competed with the previous one by building a grander palace, fort, mosque and city. The Taj Mahal tells the story of this remarkable dynasty through its greatest artistic achievement. From the soaring domes, to the marble columns inlaid with precious gems, to the vast gardens, to the perfect symmetry of its design, the Taj Mahal expressed the power, grandeur, glory and beauty of the Mughal world.

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Elizabeth Mann has created a series of non-fiction books on the great buildings of world civilization. Her series explores structures ranging from the pyramids of ancient Egypt to the Empire State Building. Each book combines history and a description of the building techniques that were used to create the structure. Built in the Seventeenth Century, the Taj Mahal was the cultural high point of

the great Mughal Empire that once ruled the India. Mann begins her story by explaining of the origins of the Mughal Empire and then moves on to a detailed description of how the Taj Mahal was built. Her story is enriched through the use of miniature paintings produced during the era. In turn, these illustrations are supplemented by new detailed illustrations created in the Persian miniature tradition. Elizabeth Mann writes well and does a great job of explaining a history that will be unfamiliar to most of her readers. The carefully rendered illustration add an additional layer of pleasure to the book. This book is a great purchase for children who love that heady combination of history and architecture. Highly recommended.

I checked this out, along with about 50 other but similar books, for my kid to do her 7th grade homework. She read them all and only used this book. Fell in love with this book. Fell in love with the Taj Mahal. Fell in love with history. I read it because she wouldn't stop bugging me to read it. I am now in love with Elizabeth Mann and off to the library to check out her others from the series. And asking for them all for Christmas- along with my 7th grader.

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