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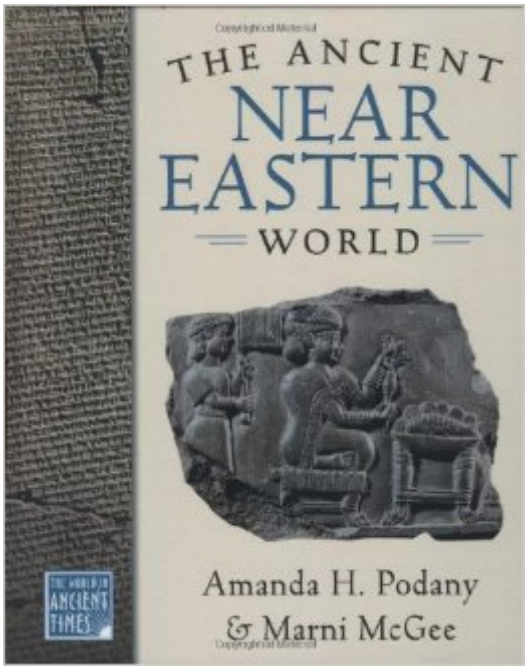

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This fantastic book has launched my studies into ancient Mesopotamia. Since reading this book I've read additional books and taken a college course on this very interesting topic. "The Ancient Near Eastern World" is a short book but an excellent coverage of a topic much expanded by additional study. Without this book I would not have developed an in-depth appreciation of history of the ancient near east.

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