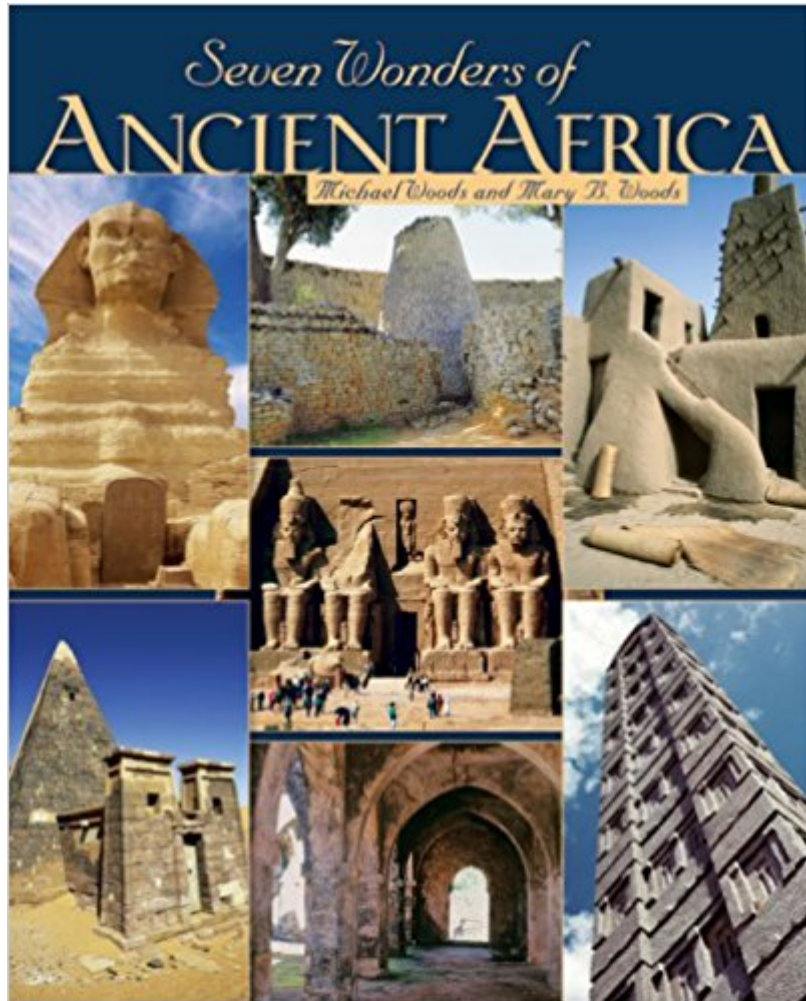




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# Seven Wonders Of Ancient Africa



## Synopsis

Long ago, Greek writers created a list of the seven wonders of the world. But that list only included the incredible monuments and other marvelous structures the writers knew about - which were all located in Greece and surrounding countries. The writers were not aware of the many wonders in other parts of the world. Africa is one of the largest continents on Earth. In ancient times, some Africans lived in powerful kingdoms where they built some amazing wonders. One kingdom built giant temples carved into the side of a mountain. Another kingdom built an enormous stone city surrounded by a thick stone wall. Another group built hundreds of stone pyramids as tombs for their kings and queens. What other ancient wonders does Africa hold? Some are hidden in vast deserts, along ancient trade routes, and in glittering cities. You're about to begin your search for the seven wonders of Ancient Africa!

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Grade 5-7 — Using a tour of the original seven wonders as their springboard, these books combine UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites to present similar profiles of seven extant but lesser-known man-made wonders. These range from the immense Nazca geoglyphs in modern Peru and Sudan's little-known Kush pyramids to Japan's Todaiji — the largest wooden building in the world — and the massive, 2000-year-old Banaue Rice Terraces in the Philippines. Each gets a chapter, well endowed with side panels; quotes from archaeologists; and color photos, period art, or, in *Ancient World*, more recent reconstructions (such as a photograph of

Lenins tomb in the section on the mausoleum at Halicarnassus). The authors retrace the history of each site, describe preservation challenges and efforts, and close with generous, annotated resource lists – plus an invitation to readers to choose an eighth wonder. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Disappointed in the illustration used for Queen Makeda & King Solomon, it is of German medieval appearance. SMH! The image really makes you wonder about the author's intent & philosophy of Ancient Africa. Otherwise it is OK.

The book does a good job on Meroe and Kush. Better than most books. Lots of great pictures of Great Zimbabwe ruins - the best set of photos I have found on that site. I question whether 15th and 16th century sites can properly be called "ancient"?

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