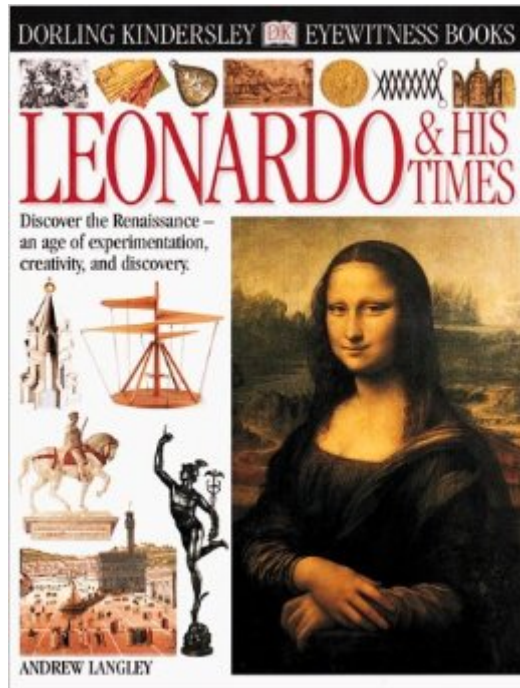


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Be alert that this book is for an older child, not a younger one. The reading level and concepts would be difficult for a child under seven or eight. I checked this book out from the library first. I was particularly unhappy about the amount of artistic nudity in this book, given the fact that it's designed

for children. If that doesn't bother you, then you might find the narrative quite useful, but if you don't want your child seeing page after page of nude statues and paintings, you may want to reconsider this. As expected, there is an anti-Christian slant to this book, but it is not overly pronounced.

This is one of the best Eyewitness books. It taught me a lot not only about Leonardo DaVinci but also about the beginning of the Renaissance. The focus on Italy was quite illuminating and I wonder why this topic is rarely introduced in school K-12. Usually one has to wait until high school if not college to learn about the time period. This book is a great introduction for students and I will share it with mine.

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