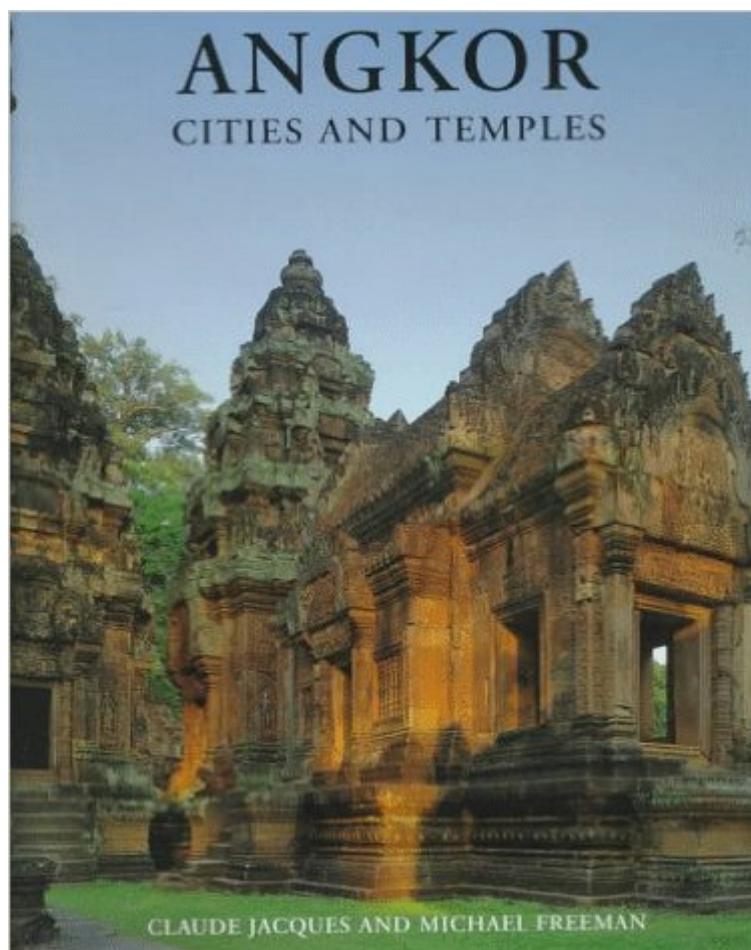


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# Angkor Cities And Temples



## **Synopsis**

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Angkor Cities And Temples is perhaps one of the most beautiful books I have ever had the pleasure of owning. Everything about it beckons the reader to remain absorbed in its pages. The text by Claude Jacques is erudite, well-written, and very well translated. The photography by Michael Freeman is astonishingly good. Not only by virtue of his technical skills, which are considerable, but because he handles the art and architecture of the monuments with a tremendous sensitivity to detail and a glorious feel for the way in which light interacts dramatically with stone. Together, the flowing text and luminous colour images provide a wondrous exposure to an ancient world of great sophistication and profound aesthetic development.

This is a sumptuous history of the ancient Khmer Temples in and around Cambodia. The history is clear the explanations are concise and the photos are stunning. Coming near to doing justice of these magnificent temples. A mouthwatering introduction or a cherished souvenir

I had always wanted to visit the Angkor temples. And I was looking for some good books on Angkor. When I saw this book, I immediately bought it inspite of its price. The text is crisp and illuminating. And the photographs are the best I have seen of Angkor. They are so real and dramatic that you

feel that you are right there. The only drawback with this book is its size. It is mammoth, making it a reference guide rather than a guide you can bring with you on your travel to Angkor. Nevertheless, only in this book has justice been done to the magnificent temples of Angkor. If there is only one book you buy this year, make it this one.

I have been to the Angkor Temples on three or four occasions. In my opinion, this book is by far the best pictorial coverage of the temples. The cover photo is taken at Banteay Srei shrine. Its a small temple about 30 km from Siem Reap. Well worth the visit, and I suggest going in the afternoon or early morning to get the best effect of the pink sandstone there. Hopefully, I will visit Angkor Wat again, early in 2013.

I have reviewed a few Angkor books. I think this is the best book among them. The pictures are very good.

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