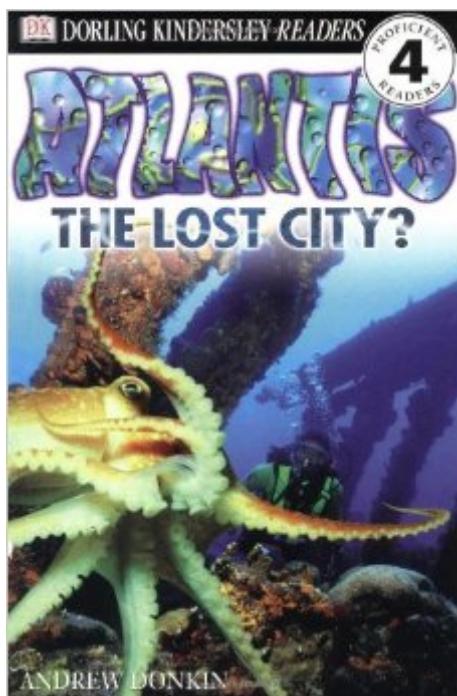


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# DK Readers: Atlantis, The Lost City (Level 4: Proficient Readers)



## Synopsis

Truth or myth? Follow the evolution of a mystery that has captured the human imagination from ancient Greece to the present.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

A bought this book for my 8 year-old and ended up reading it myself. I've done a fair amount of my own reading on Atlantis and to my surprise I found this to be a really well written overview of many famous Atlantis ideas. The book begins with a nice retelling of Plato's original story. There are some really stunning illustrations in the book - from the original artwork showing the capital city of Atlantis as it might have been, to many photographs of undersea ruins etc. The author has done a great job, and produced a book that I and my son enjoyed in equal measure!

I was always more interested in the "real" Atlantis than the ones that popped up in fiction ever since I read a "Reader's Digest" article that explained how archeologists were looking at the volcanic island of Thera in the Aegean sea as the legendary island. The most interesting part of the article talked about how the volcanic explosions that destroyed Thera may well have been the cause of the

plagues of Egypt, all of which are apparently associated with volcanic eruptions. Since I am planning a trip to Greece early next year that could involve a few days on the black sand beaches of Thera, I have been doing a bit of research on both the place and the legends of Atlantis. "Atlantis the Lost City?" is one of the Dorling Kindersley Readers for young readers (Level 4, Proficient Readers), that combines lots of color photographs and detailed illustrations with informative text. Andrew Donkin basically informs young readers about the history of the search for Atlantis, looking at the original story told by Plato (which may have been meant as an allegory rather than a true tale), and then covering all of the various locations around the world where people have been convinced they have found the lost city/continent. Donkin takes pain to explain not only the reasons why a particular location, such as the Azores or Crete, were picked, but also the evidence that exists against those locations. Consequently, without explicitly intending to do so, "Atlantis the Lost City?" introduces young readers to how archaeologists do their work, both in terms of uncovering ancient treasures and in reasoning out where to look. Besides, you really cannot beat the price on these books.

We visited Sea World and rode the Atlantis ride, which sparked an interest in the subject. Unfortunately it was difficult to find children's literature on Atlantis; most books covered a variety of ancient mysteries or were make-believe stories. This was the most comprehensive book we found for elementary age children. For independent reading I'd subject 3-4th grade, but I've read this aloud countless times to my 2nd grader and he is now trying to wade through some of it.

Bought these for a second grade kids group project on the Lost City of Atlantis - the story is very circular (Plato is telling the story about how he was told the story and than in turn was told by someone else - etc) - hard for me, much less this age group, to keep track of. That said, it does list the main background and theories about the Lost City of Atlantis so with adult guidance, we were able to learn what we wanted to. And it's the only one I could find so I was grateful to have it to use to teach.

It is hard to get an 8 year old to read, but my son loves this book. He prefers non-fiction so this was interesting and right up his alley. Well written with a beautiful layout.

Great book for my second grader. He was fascinated. The cover is misleading. It makes it look like the book is about sea creatures. It's not. It's filled with interesting facts about the lost city. Worth buying.

As an adult who is interested in Atlantis, I enjoyed the information in this book. My eight year old daughter, however, was totally disinterested.

and all the other DK Eyewitness books I bought for my great grand son. He also loves it and I intended to buy him all of the books.

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