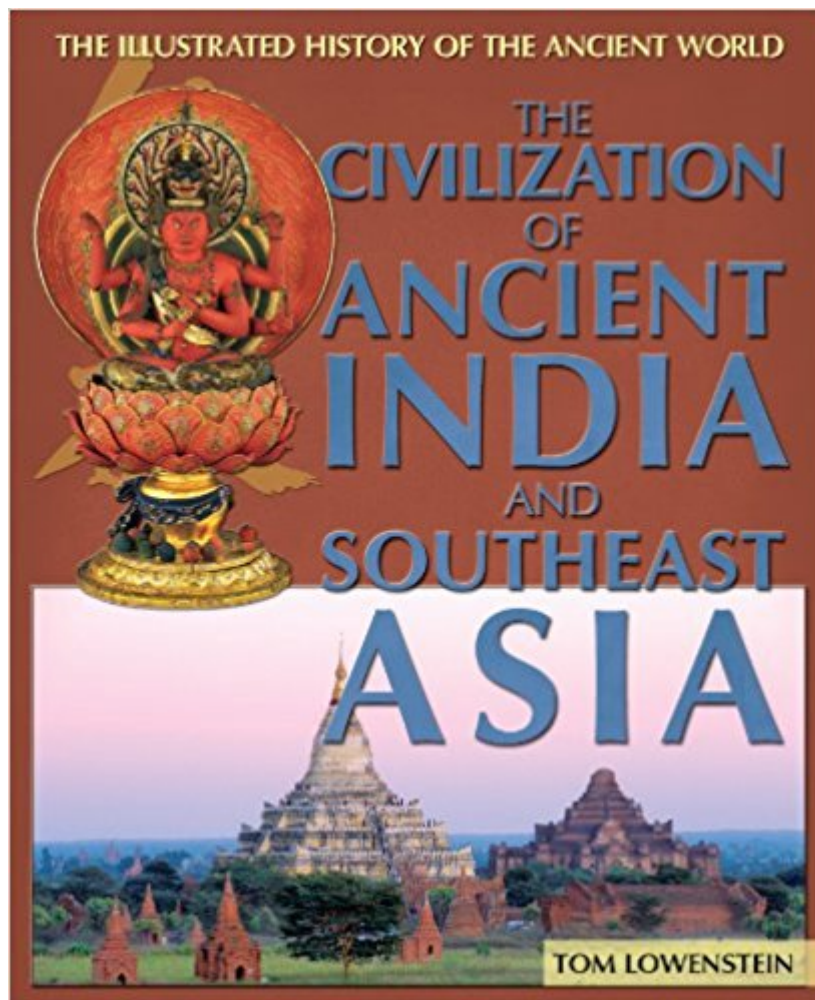




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The book's title is misleading. It only dicusses Buddhism.

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