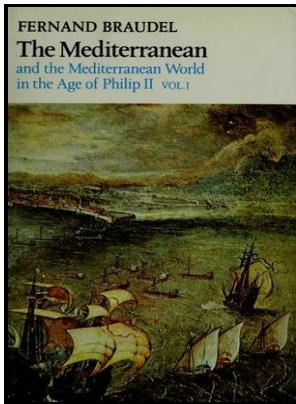


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. He describes how living conditions changed within a few thousand feet of elevation and the impact of terrain on communication. All this proved a great financial burden.

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His clarification, and at times complication, of the make-up of the historical process is one from which every individual, historian and not, can still gain. This is in no way a dry narrative, as Braudel begins with a detailed geographic description of the Mediterranean basin and describes the impact of the differing climates and terrain on the people and growth of towns and cities.

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For instance, if you want to know what winter pastures were favored by shepherds in ancient Macedonia, Braudel has that.

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In some cases the sheer quantity and variety of data he brings before the reader seems overwhelming; luckily for those not acclimated to masses of quantitative data Braudel employs graphs, charts, and illustrations over sixty in total throughout the text to great effect, thereby simplifying and streamlining his details to ensure greater understanding.

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I read about 75% of vol. Putting his research to work, Braudel succeeds in his attempt to produce a portrait of the Mediterranean at once wide-ranging and thorough through his ability to tie facts, figures, and historical minutiae to the broad economic and social themes which run through the course of the book, a connecting of details to generalities so artfully done that it belies the difficulty of convincingly relating the two. Past that, he starts talking of agriculture, and peoples, and movements, and starts the slow process of building up a detailed picture of the world he is writing about.

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Braudel's masterful look at the Mediterranean comes in three flavors: geography, systems, and, somewhat reluctantly, events. His statement of purpose at the beginning makes me want to hug him. The focus of Fernand Braudel's great work is the Mediterranean world in the second half of the sixteenth century, but Braudel ranges back in history to the world of Odysseus and forward to our time, moving out from the Mediterranean area to the New World and other destinations of Mediterranean traders.

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These were still rare catastrophes. This first volume provides detailed descriptions of the geographical, topographical and economic circumstances and includes an examination of the role of the physical environment on peoples lives, trading routes, currency etc.

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