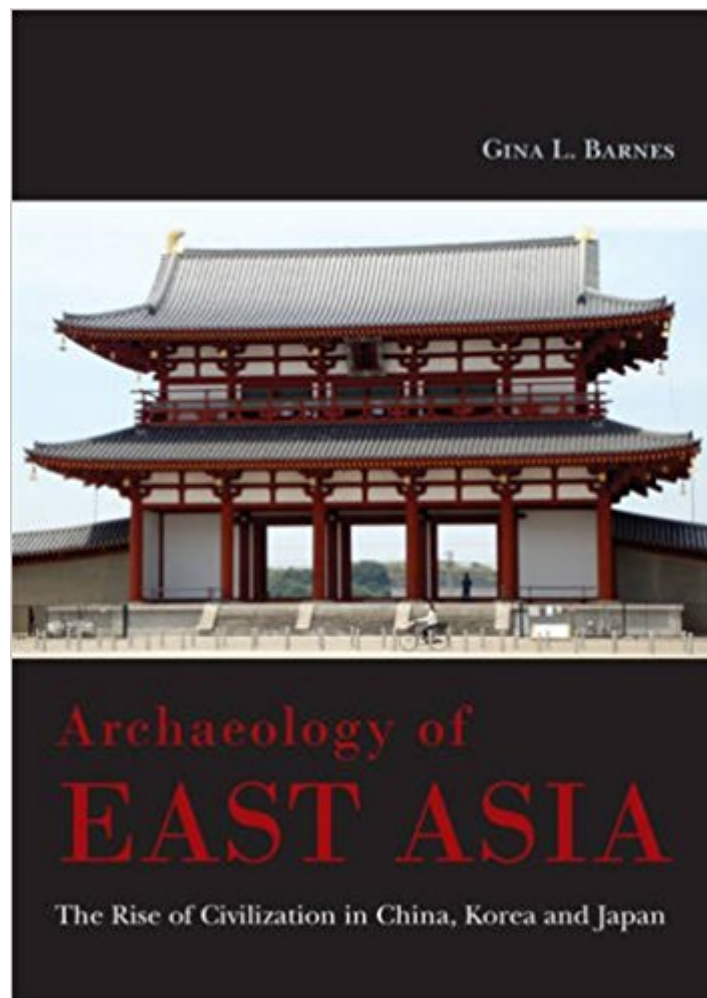




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# Archaeology Of East Asia: The Rise Of Civilisation In China, Korea And Japan.



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A great update to the two previous classics. I will write a more detailed review later, but so far, I love it. IT's my bible to NE Asian prehistory.

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