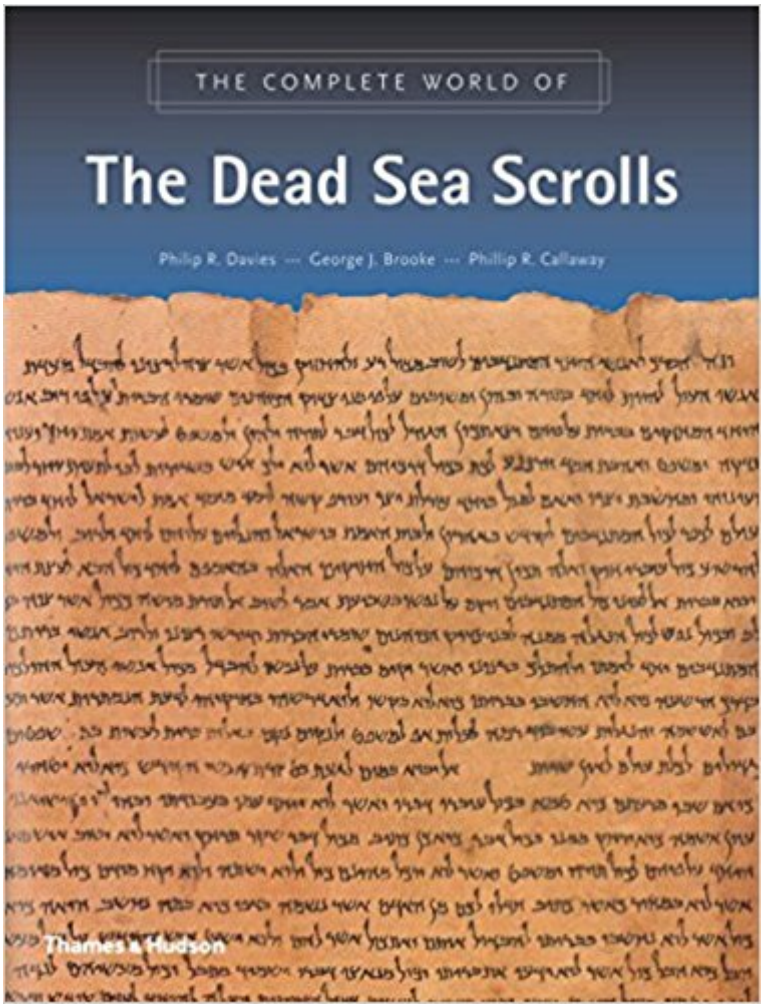
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The Complete World of the Dead Sea Scrolls is a very beautiful coffee table style book in large format using high quality glossy paper and many many beautiful photographs, maps, paintings and charts. It is like a DK book. Of the several other books on the Dead Sea Scrolls I have read, this one is the most beautiful and perhaps the most informative of them all. Davies, Brooke and Callaway give us an insight into the world of the scrolls and make them and their creators come almost to life.In 1947, Bedouin sheperds discoverd a cave containing several ancient manuscripts in jars from the first or second century BCE. The manuscripts were written by an ancient jewish sect living in the area more than 2000 years ago. Later, more scrolls were discovered in other caves, 11 in all, revealing fragments from more than 800 manuscripts. These scrolls are commonly attributed to the Essenes, a sect thought to have lived in the area, notably from Khirbet Quamran, a ruined settlement located ar the NW corner of the Dead Sea. The scrolls contain several types of literature written in several languages including Paleo-Hebrew and Greek. All of the books of the OT are represented in the scrolls with the exception of Ester. Although the ancient Biblical books are essentially the same as todays books, the Qumran copies are somewhat different. "Fragments

show clearly that Palestinian Jews of the Second Temple period felt it entirely acceptable to handle the Biblical text in a variety of ways; to paraphrase, rearrange, omit and supplement it", P.121. The Pentateuch, or Torah or first five books of the Bible have been "reworked". A copper scroll was found showing the location of buried temple treasure. No treasure has ever been found. Most likely the Romans took it.Much history surrounding the scrolls is discussed. Including the possible influence of Zoroastrianism on the jews during the two centuries under the Persians. "In Jewish scripture, the Persian kings were never condemned and their religion was never attacked", P.88.Although thought to be a celebate sect, skeletons of women and children were discovered at the Qumran site. After 70 CE, the site was abandoned.This book is a highly informative text that is vey suitable for those first becomming interested in the scrolls. It is the older edition, but nevertheless has a great deal of information. It was a welcome addition to my library.

Where does one start the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls? One would do well to start with copies of the texts. The biblical texts may be found in _The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible_ translated by Martin Abegg et al. The non-biblical texts which includes the sectarian texts, may be found in _The Dead Sea Scrolls_ translated by Michael Wise et al. (Incidentally there are no unpublished texts of any significance. These two volumes cover the field.)Then one needs a book which explains where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found such as Jodi Magness' _The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scolls_. But as the starting point one needs _The Complete World of the Dead Sea Scrolls_.Philip Davies, George Brooke, and Phillip Callaway have written a "complete" introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls. The first section of the book discusses the discovery of the scrolls, their editing, and their publication. The second section discusses the history of the time of the scrolls, including the sects of that time.Perhaps the third section should have been divided into two. The third section begins with chapters on how to make a scroll, script styles, Carbon-14 dating of the scrolls, and how to reconstruct a scroll from fragments. (If one has never read of the techniques for scroll reconstruction, this chapter is a must.)Next comes the bulk of the book. The most significant scrolls from each cave are discussed. Cave 1 had a number of the sectarian scrolls. Cave 4 had the largest number of scrolls. The scrolls from Caves 5 to 10 receive only two pages of attention despite the sensationalism surrounding the Greek scrolls found in Cave 7 (and see also page 190).The fourth section of the book discusses the settlement of Qumran. (One should be sure to refer to Magness' _Archaeology_.) The fifth section discusses the meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls. I will leave these for the consideration of the reader.Included in _Complete World_ are a list of the contents of Discoveries in the Judean Desert, a chart of paleographic Hebrew, a list of the scrolls by

cave, etc. _Complete World_ is a feast of reading with the scrumptious photographs of a coffee table book. This book deserves more than a five star rating.

The Complete World of The Dead Sea Scrolls. by Philip R. Davies, George J. Brooke, Phillip R. Callaway. 2002.Although Jesus' name never appeared from the Qumran documents, but it was interesting there were the fragments of the Books of Enoch, and the appearance of Essenes close by.This book shows us the wide range of all about Qumran. Its reference to the caves, to the documents, and from Jewish Religious Life to Early Christianity, with many illustrations - 216; 84 in color - are remarkable. It is intelligible that the various things are described systematically. Also some historical list and chronology are particularly useful.Just I have remembered but private matter, I had had a magazine "Reader's Digest" which issued in 1947, when I was young. It was full by the sensational report on "Discovery at Qumran".

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