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PREFACE

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This is the first of a series of three books which have been specially written to serve the needs of pupils in the first three forms of Malaysian Secondary Schools. Together, these three books provide a comprehensive history course leading to the examination for the Lower Certificate of Education. The present book covers the work for Form One, which includes a study of **Asia** (from the Ancient Kingdom of the Malay Peninsula to China), **Europe** (from Greece to the Roman Empire), and the **Beginning of the Great Religions** (Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam).

Although this series is suitable for general use in Malaysian schools, it has been written specially for children whose knowledge of English is weak. Every effort has been made to ensure that the facts have been presented as simply and as clearly as possible. Among the many devices which have been used to achieve this aim are the use of simple and precise English, a clear and logical presentation under numerous sub-headings, the repetition of the more important facts and dates and the inclusion of comprehensive exercises. In addition to the exercises at the end of each chapter, many short-answer questions have been gathered in three test papers, one at the end of each part of the book.

For the sake of clarity and convenience, the divisions of this book follow very closely the divisions of the official syllabus issued by the Ministry of Education of the Federation of Malaysia, January 1967. The first part of the book covers the history of Asia from the Ancient Kingdom of the Malay Peninsula up to China. The second part describes the rise of Sparta and Athens in Greece and also the Roman Empire. The final part deals with the beginnings of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

A list of reference books has been added for the convenience of those teachers who may wish to find additional facts and details for their lessons.

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