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As always in this series, a generous selection of cards, Photos and floor plans: the roots of the myth of the labyrinth, perhaps, lie in the internal defense systems of the Minoan house. ... It's not always the lively or clearest prose anymore, but still pretty good. This is an excellent book about Aegean art. Things are well organized and explained without simplification. Although it has some great pictures, this book was a little too technical in its language and vague references for a casual tourist like me. The discoveries in Crete in Greece and the Aegean islands that began a century ago were nothing short of astonishing and seemed to give form and substance to the stories of the Minotaur and labyrinth, the Thesis and Ariadne, about Minos and Icarus. Ancient Aegean art is the first comprehensive historical introduction to the Art and Architecture of Crete, mainland Greece and the Cycladic Islands of the Aegean, starting in the Neolithic period, before 3000 . Covering a wide range of objects and artifacts, from seal plates to pots to buildings and settlements, Preziosi and Hitchcock also discuss the historiography of the field of ancient art history and explain artifacts of original intentions and functions. In chronologically organized chapters, the authors emphasize broader known images and structures, overlooking lesser-known but important discoveries, explaining their design, benefits, meanings and formal development. Ancient Aegean art includes the latest archaeological discoveries and theoretical and methodological achievements, in the only volume that examines both Crete and the mainland. 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