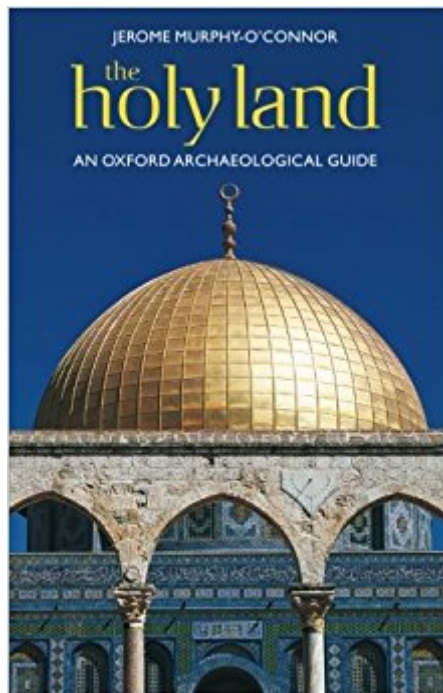




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# The Holy Land: An Oxford Archaeological Guide (Oxford Archaeological Guides)



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Jerome Murphy-O'Connor is Professor of New Testament at the *École Biblique et Archéologique Française* in Jerusalem and a leading authority on the historical Jesus and Saint Paul. His other publications include *Paul: A Critical Life* and *Paul, His Story*.

Great work, very thorough!

This is the best informed and most comprehensive handbook for any pilgrim to the Holy Land. Murphy O'Connor has lived many years in Jerusalem and knows the land intimately.

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