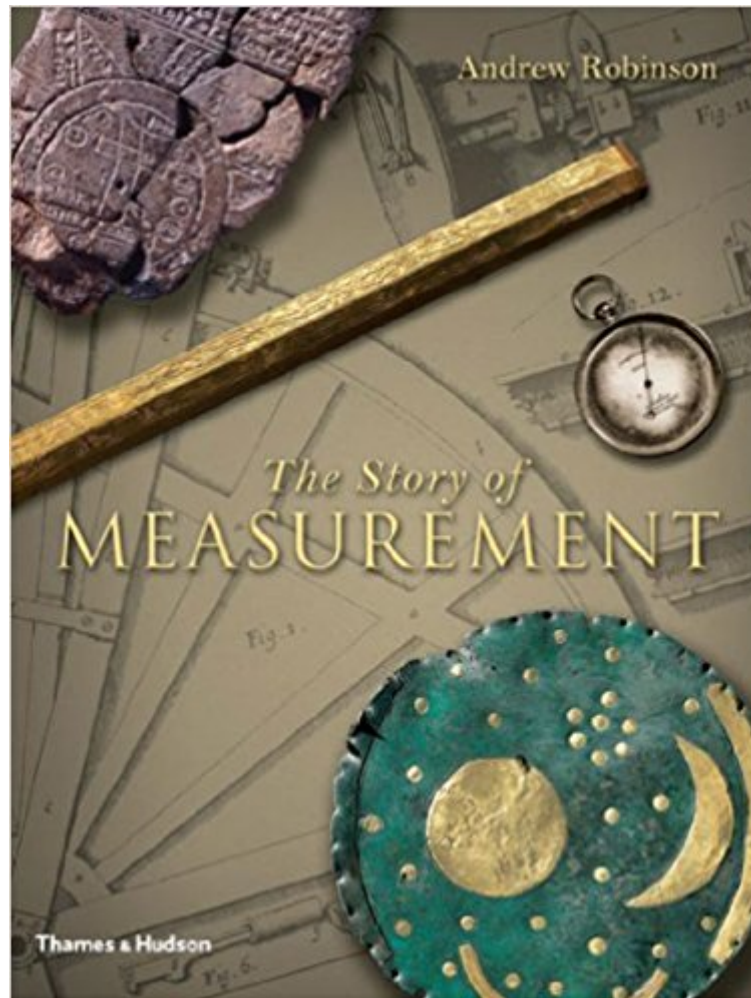




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Each topic is dealt with briefly, which sometimes leaves me wanting more detail, but there are so many varied topics covered and the illustrations are so rich that it's an addictive page-turner. It's a bargain even at full price.

I ordered this book as I very much liked the book "The story of writing" of the same author which is

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