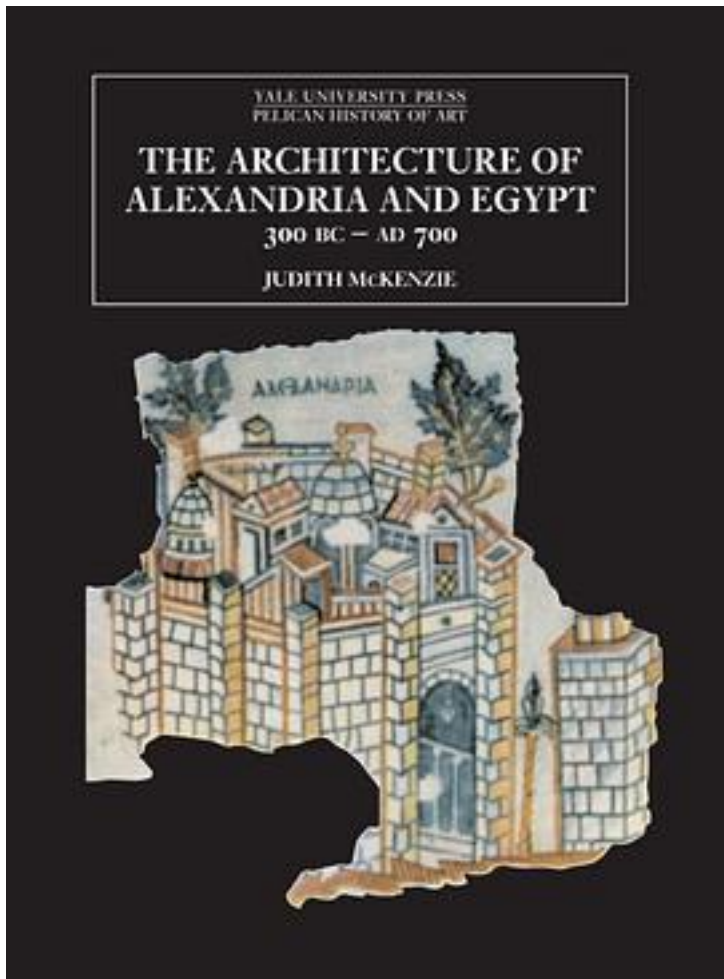# The Architecture of Alexandria and Egypt 300 B.C.--A.D. 700

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