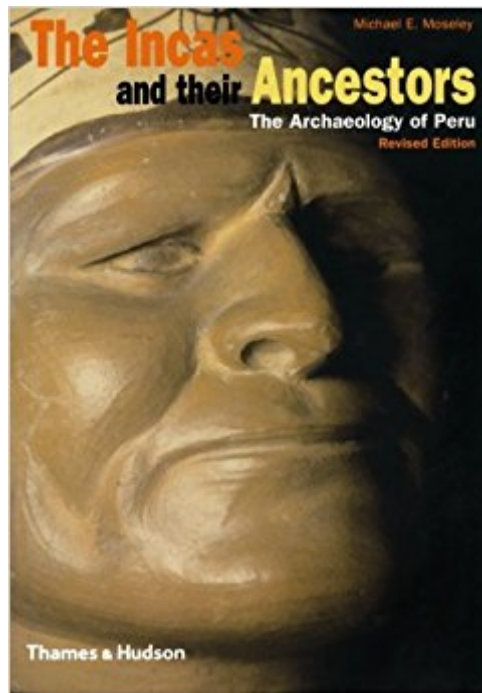




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# The Incas And Their Ancestors: The Archaeology Of Peru (Revised Edition)



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In 1532, when Pizarro conquered Peru, the Inca realm was one of the largest empires on earth, graced by gold masterpieces, towns with great palaces and temples, and an impressive network of roads. But this glittering culture only obscured the rich and diverse civilizations that had preceded it: Chavin, Moche, Nazca, Tiwanaku, Huari, and Chimu. Described as a "masterly study" and an "outstanding volume" on its first publication, *The Incas and Their Ancestors* quickly established itself as the best general introduction to the cultures and civilizations of ancient Peru. Now this classic text has been fully updated for the revised edition. New discoveries over the last decade are integrated throughout. The occupation of Peru's desert coast can now be traced back to 12,000 BC and ensuing maritime adaptations are examined in early littoral societies that mummified their dead and others that were mound builders. The spread of Andean agriculture is related to fresh data on climate, and protracted drought is identified as a recurrent contributor to the rise and fall of civilizations in the Cordillera. The results of recent excavations enliven understanding of coastal Moche and Nazca societies and the ancient highland states of Huari and Tiwanaku. Architectural models accompanying burials provide fresh interpretations of the palaces of imperial Chan Chan, while the origins of the Incas are given new clarity by a spate of modern research on America's largest native empire. 225 black-and-white illustrations

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As described. Good Price. Fast Shipping.

I have developed a strong interest in the Inca and their predecessors after planning a trip to the Maya sites of central america. The Maya were remarkable people, but there were other peoples in the hemisphere that also developed in their own sophisticated and and fascinating pathways. That led me to look at the Inca and increasingly the earlier cultures in Peru. The Incan developments were not accidents. They drew on cultures that went back hundreds and thousands of years earlier. Moseley's book is a well researched and illustrated guide to get a fuller understanding of this surprisingly widespread, episodic but ongoing evolution and the array of its rich achievements.

I'm not an archaeologist, and I have yet to travel to Peru. This book is revelatory of the relative scantiness of good archaeological data on pre-Inca cultures up to the date of publication, and of the rather blandly pedantic renderings of such data. Too much historical emphasis on glamorized Machu Picchu and the Spanish conquest, I guess: Peruvian archaeology has been slow to emerge from its own version of the Schliemann-and-Troy phase.

I love all of the geological information included throughout this book including maps and diagrams.

Best pre-Inka book available.

excellent

I purchased this book two years ago for a class and because I was a broke student and I had on \$15.00 to get home on, I had to sell the book back and as I did so I knew that I would regret having to do so. So, I purchased it again, this time for myself, because the book is crammed full of

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