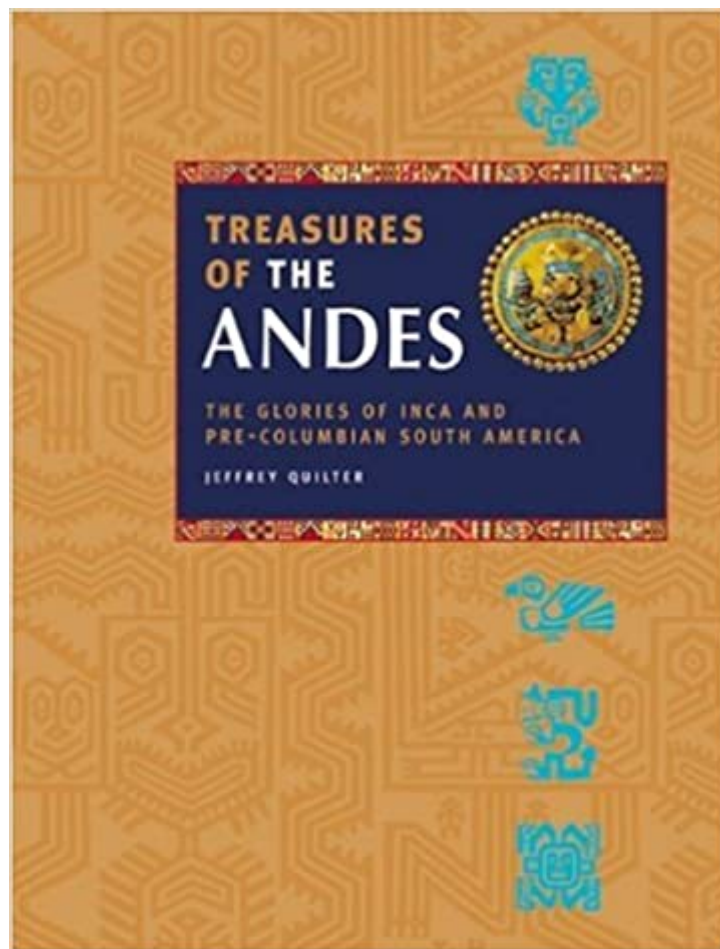




The book was found

Treasures Of The Andes: The Glories Of Inca And Pre-Columbian South America



Synopsis

Centuries before the Incas, a number of advanced cultures flourished in the Andes. This beautifully illustrated study examines the rise and fall of these different peoples, and their magnificent legacy of design and craftsmanship. Surviving artifacts show incredible skill and sophistication, from exquisitely detailed textiles, ceramics, and metalwork to spectacular architectural sites. Tracing the connections between symbolism and belief, art, and myth, *Treasures of the Andes* sets the riches of South America in their historical and regional context and restores an important missing piece in the jigsaw puzzle of the world's great civilizations.

Book Information

Hardcover: 224 pages

Publisher: Duncan Baird; 2005 no other dates edition (July 28, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1844831876

ISBN-13: 978-1844831876

Product Dimensions: 12.1 x 9.5 x 1 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.6 pounds

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 2 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #783,337 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #73 in [Books > History >](#)

[Ancient Civilizations > Incan](#) #965 in [Books > History > Americas > South America](#) #2667 in [Books > History > Americas > Native American](#)

Customer Reviews

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. Firstly the illustrations are lavish, both in quantity and in clarity and colour, and alone are worth buying the book for. The ancient Andean world was a colourful place and this book does it full justice with wonderful photographs of textiles, ceramics and metal work. There are many photographs of artefacts and sites that I have not seen before which makes the book refreshingly new. Even when familiar sites are photographed (Machu Picchu for example) the choice has been made to include shots from unusual but interesting angles. I was also impressed by the written content. I know of Jeffrey Quilter through his work with Gary Urton editing *Narrative Threads* - a book on the Khipu (Quipu). His account in this volume is very readable and gets across some key points regarding Andean culture well. The difficult balance of providing some detail on each culture whilst avoiding generalisations is successfully achieved. The theme of building from the earliest cultures to the latest shows both the variety and the continuity of Andean

cultures and what a creative place the ancient Andes were. In short, I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in ancient Peru. Regards, Dave Essery [...]

Revised Review The editorial reviewer and customer Dave Essery have accurately summarized what awaits one between the covers of this book. I would, however, add the following specifics about its stunning photography. Of its 202 colored photographs, 69 are one- to-two-page spreads; only 55 are smaller than a third of a page. Panoramic views, monumental sites and their architectural details comprise approximately 25% of the photos, which is to say that textiles, ceramics, and metalwork are not slighted. As for the appeal of the text-- Because my interest in pre-Columbian cultures and their artistry/craftsmanship has only recently been sparked, I wanted a book that gave me a basic understanding of them without overwhelming me with voluminous detail. And this is precisely what Jeffrey Quilter does, in well-written, non-academic prose. Yet the text may also appeal to those who are knowledgeable about those cultures. Said one such friend to whom I loaned my book, "I enjoyed reading it because it was like a refresher course that jogged my memory and brought to mind other things I'd read but had forgotten." TREASURES OF THE ANDES, in other words, is a book that many will treasure. I have, however, detailed the contents of it in Comment #3 so that you will be better able to determine if it is a book you want to purchase.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Treasures of the Andes: The Glories of Inca and Pre-Columbian South America South Beach Diet: South Beach Diet Recipe Book: 50 Delicious & Easy South Beach Diet Recipes (south beach diet, south beach diet recipes, south beach diet beginners guide, south beach diet cookbook) Indian Life in Pre-Columbian North America Coloring Book (Dover History Coloring Book) Inca Trails: Journey through the Bolivian and Peruvian Andes, tracing the rise and fall of the Incas Ice Maiden: Inca Mummies, Mountain Gods, and Sacred Sites in the Andes Art of the Andes: From ChavÃn to Inca (World of Art) History of the Inca Empire: An Account of the Indians' Customs and Their Origin, Together with a Treatise on Inca Legends, History, and Social Institutions (Texas Pan American Series) Inca Trail, Cusco & Machu Picchu: Includes Santa Teresa Trek, Choquequirao Trek, Vilcabamba Trail, Vilcabamba To Choquequirao, Choquequirao To Machu ... Inca Trail, Cusco & Machu Picchu) National Geographic Investigates: Ancient Inca: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets of the Inca's Past Gold and Power in Ancient Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia (Dumbarton Oaks Pre-Columbian Conference Proceedings) Chile History, and Pre-Columbian Civilizations: Wars of Independence, 1810-18, Civil Wars, 1818-30, Constitutional History, The Society and Its Environment, Economy, Tourism, Government, Politics Colombia History, and Pre-Columbian Era:

The Spanish Conquest, The Founding Of the Nation, 1810-1903, Economy, Government, Politics, People, Tourism The House of the Bacabs, Copan, Honduras (Dumbarton Oaks Pre-Columbian Art and Archaeology Studies Series) The Southeast Classic Maya Zone (Dumbarton Oaks Pre-Columbian Symposia and Colloquia) Uruguay History and from Pre-Columbian times to the Conquest: Artigas's Revolution, 1811-20, The Great War, 1843-52, The Society, The Economy, Government, Culture, Tourism The Glassell Collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston: Masterworks of Pre-Columbian, Indonesian, and African Gold Signs of the Inka Khipu: Binary Coding in the Andean Knotted-String Records (Linda Schele Series in Maya and Pre-Columbian Studies) To Be Like Gods: Dance in Ancient Maya Civilization (Linda Schele Series in Maya and Pre-Columbian Studies) Pre-Columbian Art & Archaeology: Essays in Honor of Frederick R. Mayer (Symposium Series) Pre-Columbian Man in Costa Rica

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)