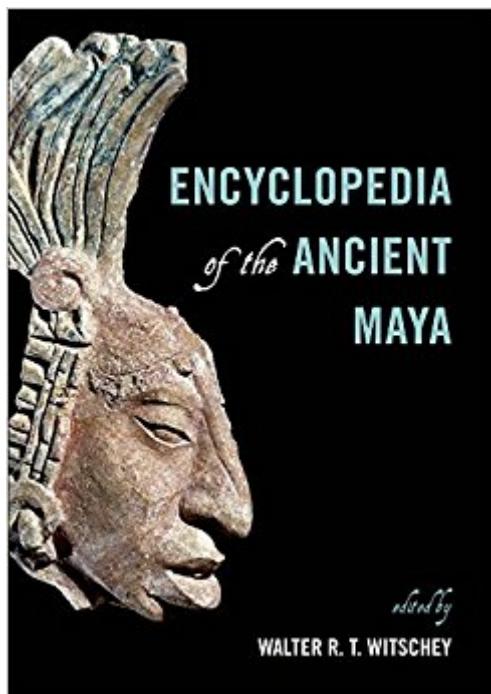


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# Encyclopedia Of The Ancient Maya



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Encyclopedia of the Ancient Maya offers an A-to-Z overview of the ancient Maya culture from its inception around 3000 BC to the Spanish Conquest after AD 1600. Over two hundred entries written by more than sixty researchers explore subjects ranging from food, clothing, and shelter to the sophisticated calendar and now-deciphered Maya writing system. They bring special attention to environmental concerns and climate variation; fresh understandings of shifting power dynamics and dynasties; and the revelations from emerging field techniques (such as LiDAR remote sensing) and newly explored sites (such as La Corona, Tamchen, and Yaxnohkah). This one-volume reference is an essential companion for students studying ancient civilizations, as well as a perfect resource for those planning to visit the Maya area. Cross-referencing, topical and alphabetical lists of entries, and a comprehensive index help readers find relevant details. Suggestions for further reading conclude each entry, while sidebars profile historical figures who have shaped Maya research. Maps highlight terrain, archaeological sites, language distribution, and more; over fifty photographs complement the volume.

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A very good general reference on Maya history and culture. I bought the hardcover but the kindle version would be more useful if you were visiting the different sites. It is a heavy book. This book has a very good index, its bibliography is just first rate. As with any encyclopedia, this book is a jumping off place, it tells you where to look for more information on any given topic related to Mayaland.

I enjoyed VERY MUCH looking through this encyclopedia !!!The illustration of a Maya is also fascinating.I would recommend buying a of this book.

It is a very uneven volume. Some entries are written by experts. Some... not really. There are mistakes. Some entries cite news reports and Wikipedia instead of recent books and articles. Some significant contributions of the past 25 years are not cited at all. Entries on languages/writing are not worth the money (with the exception of two entries by Judith Maxwell and one entry by Erik Boot). Once Yukatek is called a dialect or PAKAL is given as an example of the rebus principle, it is a no-go. The reader of this book will probably never learn in which Mayan languages ancient Maya scribes wrote. Sociocultural and economy entries are a mix. Environmental and analytical entries are probably the best, and so are site contributions by project investigators/directors. But then there are strange gaps: no entries on Motul de San Jose, El Zoz, Altar de Sacrificios, Machaquila, Cancuen, Nakum, Nim li Punit, Uxul... There are "codex-style" vases, but no "Ik'-style" pottery. There are "stelae" and "hieroglyphic stairways", but no "panels" or "altars". I am not sure that I would recommend buying this book, although I do like parts of it.

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