

Fifth Sun: A New History Of The Aztecs

>**Fifth Sun: A New History of the Aztecs** by Camilla Townsend
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The Aztecs, one of the most fascinating and misunderstood civilizations in history, have been the subject of countless books and articles. But until now, there has been no single, comprehensive history of the Aztecs that incorporates the latest scholarship and presents a nuanced and balanced view of this complex society.

Fifth Sun: A New History of the Aztecs by Camilla Townsend fills this void. Townsend, a leading expert on Aztec history, has written a magisterial work that is both accessible to general readers and indispensable to scholars.



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In Fifth Sun, Townsend traces the history of the Aztecs from their humble origins as a small nomadic tribe to their rise to power as the dominant force in Mesoamerica. She explores their complex political system, their vibrant religious beliefs, and their remarkable achievements in art, architecture, and engineering.

Townsend also challenges many of the myths and misconceptions that have surrounded the Aztecs for centuries. She shows that the Aztecs were not simply bloodthirsty barbarians, but a sophisticated and cultured people who made significant contributions to the development of human civilization.

The book is divided into five parts, each of which covers a different period in Aztec history. The first part, "The Dawn of the Fifth Sun," describes the origins of the Aztecs and their early history. The second part, "The Rise of Tenochtitlan," tells the story of the Aztec capital city and its rise to power.

The third part, "The Aztec Empire," examines the extent and administration of the Aztec empire. The fourth part, "The Conquest of Mexico," recounts the Spanish conquest of the Aztec empire. And the fifth part, "The Legacy of the Aztecs," explores the impact of the Aztecs on Mexican history and culture.

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Throughout the book, Townsend draws on a wide range of sources, including Aztec codices, Spanish chronicles, and archaeological evidence. She also incorporates the latest scholarship on Aztec history, which has led to a new understanding of this complex and fascinating civilization.

Fifth Sun: A New History of the Aztecs is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Aztec history or in the history of Mesoamerica. It is a groundbreaking work that will shape our understanding of the Aztecs for generations to come.

Praise for Fifth Sun

"Fifth Sun is a masterful work of scholarship and storytelling.

Townsend has written the definitive history of the Aztecs, a book that will be essential reading for anyone interested in this fascinating civilization." -

Matthew Restall, Professor of History, Pennsylvania State University

"Townsend's new book is a triumph. It is the most comprehensive and up-to-date history of the Aztecs available, and it is written with clarity and grace." -Alan Taylor, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of **The Internal Enemy**

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Aztecs. Townsend has synthesized the latest scholarship to create a nuanced and balanced account of this complex and fascinating civilization."

-John Pohl, Professor of History, Florida International University

About the Author

Camilla Townsend is a Professor of History at Rutgers University. She is the author of several books on Aztec history, including **The Fifth Sun: A New History of the Aztecs** and **Malintzin's Choices: An Indigenous Woman in the Conquest of Mexico**.

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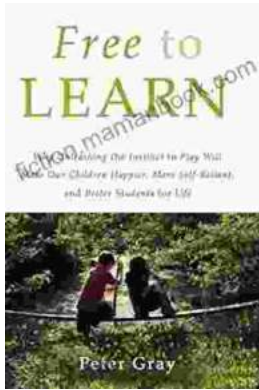


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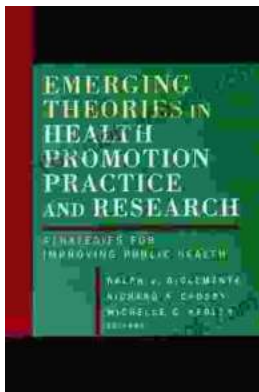
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