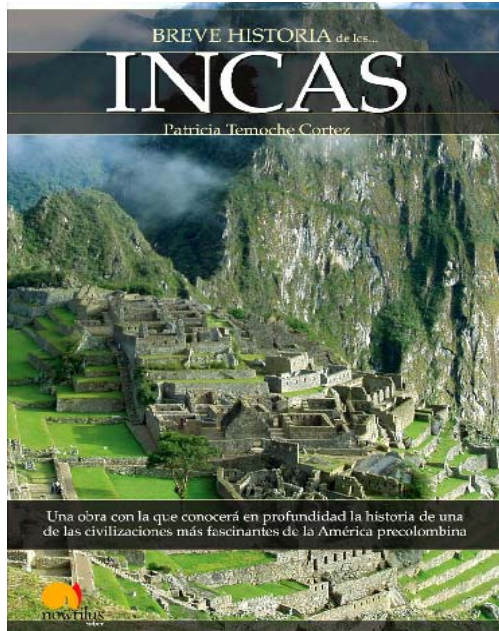


BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INCAS

Discover the fabulous story of the great Andean warriors, from their mythical origins and their fast expansion throughout the Pacific coast to their decline



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The Incas, the most extraordinary civilization of America where wonders like Machu Picchu were built, expanded its power all along the Pacific coast. Their culture and civilization, the sacrifices, women role, their incredible architecture and their time measure methods are reflected in this book.

Brief History of the Incas is an exciting journey through the history, culture, customs and religion of the biggest and most powerful people of pre-Columbian America. With a mix of historical and mythical origins, the Incas expanded from the Andes to the Pacific coast in one hundred years, thanks to alliances and wars in which legendary figures like Pachacutec —known as the "Alexander the Great from the south"— took part. Their expansion was so rapid that it caused their own decline due to the difficulties they encountered when it came to governing such a vast territory.

The most outstanding aspects of this civilization are analyzed in this book, from their peculiar counting system based upon the famous "quipus", to the political organization, together with

the effective and organized communication system or the high value that Incas gave to the land, understood as a person to whom they made offerings.

Guided by an expert about Incas and descendant of their noble families, this book takes us into the fascinating reality of this civilization that united big part of South America and that was key to understand the subsequent Spanish Empire.

A work that will offer you detailed information about the history of one of the most fascinating civilizations in pre-Columbian America.

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