

Lords Of Sipan A True Story Of Pre Inca Tombs Archaeology And Crime

Takes the reader on an exploration of this genre, from the mid-nineteenth century through 1993.

The dead do not always rest easy. Armed with shovels and crowbars, thieves throughout history have unearthed graves for greed, hunger, and knowledge. *Tomb Raiders: Real Tales of Grave Robberies* recounts little-known stories of body snatchers and crooks of the crypt. For example, when colonists in Jamestown, Virginia, dug up the dead in 1609, they were after food. During this “Starving Time,” settlers ate horses, dogs, cats, and rats. When that food ran out, people resorted to cannibalism to survive. Another reason to rob graves? Science! To learn human anatomy, medical students in New York City in 1788 dissected corpses snatched from nearby graveyards. And then there was President Abraham Lincoln, who was entombed in a vault in Springfield, Illinois. In 1876, a gang of counterfeiters schemed to steal Lincoln’s corpse and hold it for ransom. Another good place to do some grave robbing was the Valley of the Kings in 1881. Thousands of years earlier, priests had hidden the monarchs here to protect them from grave robbers of ancient times. A little closer to our own time, poverty again lured tomb robbers to the dirt hill outside Sipán, Peru. Poor sugarcane farmers had been digging holes in this mud brick pyramid for decades, occasionally finding a piece of cloth or pottery shard. But one night in 1987, a tunnel collapsed on a grave robber, burying him in treasure. In these five tales of historic grave robberies, readers will encounter adventure, intrigue, and

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suspense with a grain of the grisly! This is the seventh book in a series called Mystery & Mayhem, which features true tales that whet kids' appetites for history by engaging them in genres with proven track records—mystery and adventure. History is made of near misses, unexplained disappearances, unsolved mysteries, and bizarre events that are almost too weird to be true—almost! The Mystery and Mayhem series delves into these tidbits of history to provide kids with a jumping-off point into a lifelong habit of appreciating history. The five true tales told within Tomb Raiders are paired with maps, photographs, and timelines that lend authenticity and narrative texture to the stories. A glossary and resources page provide the opportunity to practice using essential academic tools. These nonfiction narratives use clear, concise language with compelling plots that both avid and reluctant readers will be drawn to. This is the critically acclaimed "Raiders of the Lost Art" true story of the looting, recovery and excavation of priceless art and artifacts from the tombs of Sipan, on the north coast of Peru. Written by award-winning New York Times best-selling author Sidney D. Kirkpatrick, Lords of Sipan has all the elements of great fiction: Priceless antiquities entombed in an ancient pyramid; sinister looters; slick black-market smugglers; and a brilliant and dedicated archaeologist who risks his life to restore the treasures to their native country. But for all its heroics and its compelling plot, the real dramatic twist is that this story is true. Not since Howard Carter excavated Tutankhamun's tomb has an archaeological narrative been so engaging and rich with suspense and intrigue. Tracking a crime trail across three continents, Kirkpatrick meticulously researched one man's struggle to excavate and protect the greatest archaeological discovery ever made in the Western Hemisphere. For more than a millennium, tons of rock and brick had preserved priceless treasure of an ancient Peruvian civilization

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known as the Moche. Deep in a pyramid at Sipan, hidden in a long-lost tomb of a pre-Incan Moche Lord, were golden masks, jeweled artifacts, and invaluable remnants of a mysterious, vanished civilization. Looters were picking up seemingly insignificant gold beads when the leader stumbled into a king's ransom of artifacts. Within hours, most of it was headed for the black market-and out of the country. Dr. Walter Alva, noted Peruvian archaeologist and museum curator, was soon racing against time to halt the exodus of the antiquities and to prevent further looting. Police and U.S. Customs agents, employing secret informants and antiquities experts, began an undercover investigation that sent shock waves through the international art world, culminating in: *the most comprehensive seizure of pre-Columbian antiquities in U.S. history, *the conviction of David Swetnam, the first man in the U.S. sent to prison for smuggling pre-Columbian art, *an important precedent regarding the private ownership of national treasures. In the kind of chase usually reserved for fictional crime thrillers, customs agents traced the artifacts to England and the U.S., and then reeled in the smugglers. Ironically, research for Lords of Sipan found Kirkpatrick virtually in his own backyard. Unscrupulous antiquities dealers had smuggled the plundered treasures out of Peru and into Los Angeles and Santa Barbara museums and the collections of Kirkpatrick's Hollywood neighbors. Experts had long speculated about the existence of a Moche tomb and treasure hunters had spend centuries searching for it without success. But the initial find was only the first piece of the puzzle. Dr. Alva, working at the ransacked site at Sipan, was stunned to discover that the pyramid was not merely the burial place of a single monarch. Instead, the site was a New World version of Egypt's Valley of the Kings outside Thebes: a necropolis for many lords of the Moche kingdom. At least three tombs remained intact, and the discovery lured

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armed thieves once again. In the midst of escalating tension, Dr. Alva and his excavators put down their shovels and picked up their guns. Putting their lives on the line to protect the remaining treasures from armed thieves and assassins, they confronted the looters and won their support. Like Kirkpatrick's other critically acclaimed true-crime thrillers, *A Cast of Killers*, and *Turning The Tide*, *Lords of Sipan* is the painstakingly reconstructed account of a bizarre, true-to-life case. Framed by one of the most important archaeological excavations ever conducted, it is a riveting portrait of the international black market in art and high-stakes crime. "Gold earrings, gold necklaces, gold nose rings and gold breastplates," the *New York Times* has written of the book. "Sidney Kirkpatrick has hit a mother lode!"

Roger Atwood knows more about the market for ancient objects than almost anyone. He knows where priceless antiquities are buried, who is digging them up, and who is fencing and buying them. In this fascinating book, Atwood takes readers on a journey through Iraq, Peru, Hong Kong, and across America, showing how the worldwide antiquities trade is destroying what's left of the ancient sites before archaeologists can reach them, and thus erasing their historical significance. And it is getting worse. The discovery of the legendary Royal Tombs of Sipan in Peru started an epidemic. Grave robbers scouring the countryside for tombs--and finding them. Atwood recounts the incredible story of the biggest piece of gold ever found in the Americas, a 2,000-year-old, three-pound masterpiece that cost one looter his life, sent two smugglers to jail, and wrecked lives from Panama to Pennsylvania. Packed with true stories, this book not only reveals what has been found, but at what cost to both human life and history.

Con lenguaje claro y preciso, a partir de fuentes inéditas, prensa y entrevistas, Raúl H.

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Asensio recorre la historia de la puesta en valor de los monumentos prehispánicos peruanos desde el siglo XIX hasta la actualidad. Lejos de las historias tradicionales de la arqueología, el autor nos lleva de las salas de conferencias y los salones de los museos a las agotadoras jornadas de excavación, en un esfuerzo por presentar nuevas perspectivas sobre el trabajo de los arqueólogos. Conoceremos así los éxitos y las decepciones, las controversias y rivalidades, la competencia con otras ciencias sociales y los conflictos que suscita la presencia de los arqueólogos en las poblaciones rurales. Y, por encima de todo, nos acercaremos a la ambigua relación de los arqueólogos con el otro gran colectivo que pugna por el control de las ruinas prehispánicas: los huaqueros.

From Paris to Stalingrad, the Nazis systematically plundered all manner of art and antiquities. But the first and most valuable treasure they looted were the Crown Jewels of the Holy Roman Empire. This is the true-life Indiana Jones story of a college professor turned Army sleuth who foils a Nazi plot to preserve these cherished symbols of Hitler's Thousand Year Reich. Author Sidney Kirkpatrick draws on recently discovered and previously unpublished documents, including interrogation and intelligence reports, diaries and correspondence, as well as on interviews with all remaining living participants involved with the case, to re-create this thrilling true-life story.

During the last couple of decades Afghanistan's cultural heritage has faced exceptional challenges. Looting of the National Museum, Kabul Museum, the neglect of monuments and extensive illegal excavations have taken place. However, what really shook the world was the destruction of the Buddhas of Bamiyan in March 2001. This volume focuses on Afghanistan's cultural heritage protection. Its purpose is threefold. To provide an overview of the diversity of

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activities undertaken in the cultural heritage field. To change public opinion into a more positive one. And to serve as an example for future generations. This multidisciplinary book (including contributions from archaeologists, linguists, and lawyers) will interest both scholars in the cultural, legal and humanistic field as well as the public at large. Many exceptional photographs are included.

Presents well-known archaeologists, including Howard Carter, who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb, Walter Alva, who discovered the treasure of Sipan, in Peru, and Constanza Ceruti, one of the discoverers of the child mummies found on a mountaintop in Chile.

Spanning multiple eras across the entire globe, this accessible book provides wonderful introduction to archaeology and the discoveries which have changed our world. Piece by painstaking piece, archaeology has helped us to rewrite the history of Homo sapiens. Gaynor Aaltonen digs deep into major expeditions and the artifacts they uncovered, from the forgotten Anasazi empire of the American southwest to the discovery of King Richard III's remains beneath a Leicester car park. Topics include: • Submerged cities, from Jamaica's Port Royal to Italy's Bacoli. • Technological advancements such as carbon dating • Native American structures including "Montezuma Castle" • Mayan and Aztec city-states This book provides an expansive overview of human history, told through the materials we have left behind.

With a focus on eight categories including memoir, sports, and true crime, a readers' advisory guide includes coverage of the major authors and works, popularity, and style.

Ancient South America is an accessible, illustrated account of ten millennia of cultural development and diversity upon this great continent.

This vivid evocation of an ancient civilization is both enlivened and deepened by the author's

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sympathetic understanding of customs, rituals and myths which to modern eyes may seem both strange and terrible. It will be widely welcomed by scholars and students of South American archaeology and history, by all those curious to know more about a civilization that for thirteen centuries was largely forgotten.

Thomas Eakins was misunderstood in life, his brilliant work earned little acclaim, and hidden demons tortured and drove him. Yet the portraits he painted more than a century ago captivate us today, and he is now widely acclaimed as the finest portrait painter our nation has ever produced. This book recounts the artist's life in fascinating detail, drawing on a treasure trove of Eakins family correspondence and papers that have only recently been discovered. Never before has Thomas Eakins's story been told with such drama, clarity, and accuracy. Sidney Kirkpatrick sets the painter's life and art in the wider context of the changing world he devoted himself to portraying, and he also addresses the artist's private life-the contradictory impulses, obsessions, and possible psychological illness that fired his work. Kirkpatrick underscores Eakins's unflinching integrity as an artist and discloses how his profound appreciation of the beauty of the human form was both the source of his greatness and ultimately of his undoing. Nevertheless, the author observes, Eakins has had his "revenge," inspiring a new generation of realist painters and gaining the recognition that eluded him in life.

Originally a catalogue to accompany an exhibition of the finds from the excavation of the three royal Moche tombs. The rich finds which were recovered are well illustrated here.

In 1922, Howard Carter peered into Tutankhamun's tomb for the first time, the only light coming from the candle in his outstretched hand. Urged to tell what he was seeing through the small opening he had cut in the door to the tomb, the Egyptologist famously replied, "I see

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wonderful things.” Carter’s fabulous discovery is just one of the many spellbinding stories told in *Three Stones Make a Wall*. Written by Eric Cline, an archaeologist with more than thirty seasons of excavation experience, this book traces the history of archaeology from an amateur pursuit to the cutting-edge science it is today by taking the reader on a tour of major archaeological sites and discoveries. Along the way, it addresses the questions archaeologists are asked most often: How do you know where to dig? How are excavations actually done? How do you know how old something is? Who gets to keep what is found? Taking readers from the pioneering digs of the eighteenth century to today’s exciting new discoveries, *Three Stones Make a Wall* is a lively and essential introduction to the story of archaeology.

From travel in the ancient and classical world to the growth of underwater tourism in the Great Barrier Reef and the influence of the Gulf War on regional tourism, the *Atlas of Travel and Tourism Development* is a new departure from conventional texts, providing a unique overview of the growth of the tourism industry. Divided into three sections, the text looks first at the past, examining the influence of global geography on travel patterns, and provides an overview of the history of travel and tourism. It then moves onto the present, using a regional framework to demonstrate how the physical and historical geography of each area is related to tourism development. The final section provides a forecast of future trends for the next two decades.

This innovative collection of essays from an international range of contributors describes various means of preserving, protecting and presenting vital cultural resources within the context of economic development, competing claims of "ownership" of particular cultural resources, modern uses of structures and space, and other aspects of late twentieth-century life.

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The goal of this unique manual is to arm criminal investigators with tools and weapons that are suitable and effective against art theft and forgery. The author, with over 25 years' experience in the art theft investigation field, presents comprehensive techniques, tips, and ideas to help diminish the level of frustration experienced by criminal investigators required to handle the growing number and magnitude of art crimes. The structure of the manual is simple and direct. The first part guides the reader in the use of the text and introduces the art world environment. The second part discusses the investigator's interaction with the victim, including interviewing, crime scene investigation, and identifying and developing suspects. Part three deals with offenders and covers such topics as art theft methods, forgery techniques, methods of distribution, and investigative countermeasures. The final section presents a comprehensive review of solutions and recoveries, including chapters on legal weapons, insurance and rewards, the use of experts, universal and variable contact group classifications, object bulletins, art criminal photo albums, informant development, undercover methods, unidentified victims, and recovery and seizure of stolen or fake art. In addition, the book is complemented by an extensive glossary and bibliographic resources. This exceptionally unique manual is intended to function at an intensely practical level and is intended for both study and immediate reference.

Tells of Dr. Walter Alva's experiences in Peru as he struggled to excavate and protect the pre-Inca treasures at the lost tombs of the Lords of Sipan

A collection from 24 Countries . . . over 135 Dreams That Came True This dream collection, mundane to dramatic, has been woven together one dream flowing to the next. Each chapter's introduction gives additional depth to this fascinating phenomena. That of the dream world.

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From Ernil Bernil's dream of a major archaeological find, to Neil Armstrong's dream of floating in space. From Peter's dream of Organic Gardening, to Lee Iacocca's dream of the Chrysler car. From Sophia's dream of the gas leak that saved her Mother's life, to Valerie's dream of the 9/11 disaster. All of these dreamers have one thing in common. Their Dreams Came True. "You will never believe it," they will say. "I dreamt that and it came true as I dreamt it would." People from around the world are saying just that.

An essential overview of this blossoming field, *The Routledge Companion to Inter-American Studies* is the first collection to draw together the diverse approaches and perspectives on the field, highlighting the importance of Inter-American Studies as it is practiced today. Including contributions from canonical figures in the field as well as a younger generation of scholars, reflecting the foundation and emergence of the field and establishing links between older and newer methodologies, this Companion covers: Theoretical reflections Colonial and historical perspectives Cultural and political intersections Border discourses Sites and mobilities Literary and linguistic perspectives Area studies, global studies, and postnational studies Phenomena of transfer, interconnectedness, power asymmetry, and transversality within the Americas. Contemporary transnational criminals take advantage of globalization, trade liberalization, and emerging new technologies to commit a diverse range of crimes. By moving money, goods, services, and people instantaneously they are able to serve purposes of pure economic gain or political violence. This book examines the rise of international economic crime and recent strategies to combat it in the United States and abroad. Focusing on the role of international relations, it draws from case studies in a diverse range of criminality from money laundering to tax evasion. Newly revised and expanded, the second edition of *International White Collar*

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Crime incorporates recent developments and updated case studies. New chapters on environmental crimes and securities enforcement under the Dodd–Frank Act continue to make it an essential tool for practicing business, law, and law enforcement.

Surveys prehistoric art throughout the world, including body art, art on rocks and walls, and objects; changes in scholarship; and what the art can reveal about early sexual, social, economic, and religious life

Utilizing ethnographic and archaeological data and an updated paradigm derived from the best features of cultural ecology and ecological anthropology, this extensively illustrated book addresses over fifteen South American adaptive systems representing a broad cross section of band, village, chiefdom, and state societies throughout the continent over the past 13,000 years. Indigenous South Americans of the Past and Present presents data on both prehistoric and recent indigenous groups across the entire continent within an explicit theoretical framework. Introductory chapters provide a brief overview of the variability that has characterized these groups over the long period of indigenous adaptation to the continent and examine the historical background of the ecological and cultural evolutionary paradigm. The book then presents a detailed overview of the principal environmental contexts within which indigenous adaptive systems have survived and evolved over thousands of years. It discusses the relationship between environmental types and subsistence productivity, on the one hand, and between these two variables and sociopolitical complexity, on the other. Subsequent chapters proceed in sequential order that is at once evolutionary (from the least to the most complex groups) and geographical (from the least to the most productive environments)?around the continent in counterclockwise fashion from the hunter-gatherers of

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Tierra del Fuego in the far south; to the villagers of the Amazonian lowlands; to the chiefdoms of the Amazon vçea and the far northern Andes; and, finally, to the chiefdoms and states of the Peruvian Andes. Along the way, detailed presentations and critiques are made of a number of theories based on the South American data that have worldwide implications for our understanding of prehistoric and recent adaptive systems.

This volume makes accessible a selection of the most significant journal articles dealing with international crimes. The studies collected here will be an invaluable aid to teaching and research.

In this first-person tale of archaeological adventure in the tropical forest, Jeffrey Quilter tells the story of his excavation of Rivas, a great ceremonial center at the foot of the Talamanca Mountain range, which flourished between A.D. 900 and 1300, and its fabled gold-filled cemetery, the Panteón de La Reina. Beginning with the 1992 field season and ending with the last excavations in 1998, Quilter discusses Rivas' builders and users, theories on chiefdom societies, and the daily interactions and surprises of modern archaeological fieldwork. Writing in the first person with a balance between informal language and academic theory, Quilter concludes that Rivas was a ceremonial center for mortuary rituals to bury chiefly elite on the Panteón. Through use of his narrative technique, he provides the reader with accounts of discoveries as they occurred in fieldwork and the development of interpretations to explain the ancient refuse and cobble architecture his team uncovered. As his story progresses amid the enchantment of the Costa Rican landscape, research plans are adjusted and sometimes completely overturned as new discoveries, often serendipitous ones, are made. Such changing circumstances lead to new insights into the rise and fall of the people who built the cobble

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circles and raised the standing stones at Rivas, a thousand years ago. The only book in English that focuses on a single archaeological site in Costa Rica, which continues to develop as a destination for archaeological tourism, *Cobble Stones and Standing Circles* will appeal to laypeople and professionals alike.

This is a general history of the cultures and civilizations of pre-Hispanic Peru from pre-history to the Conquest. Although archaeological excavation, together with analytical study of colonial chroniclers, began in the early part of the twentieth century, the scope of investigation has been greatly intensified over the last two decades, with spectacular results. This is the first book for the general reader and student to incorporate these fresh insights and discoveries, and is as highly readable and engaging as its penetrating and informative.

Describes how recent archaeological research has transformed long-held myths about the Americas, revealing far older and more advanced cultures with a greater population than were previously thought to have existed.

"This is the largest collection of Moche portraits that has ever been published. As one of the most remarkable groups of portraits produced by any ancient people, it will be of interest to all connoisseurs and scholars of the world's great art traditions, as well as to students of the Moche and prehistoric Andean peoples."--BOOK JACKET.

In this groundbreaking work of science, history, and archaeology, Charles C. Mann radically alters our understanding of the Americas before the arrival of Columbus in 1492. Contrary to what so many Americans learn in school, the pre-Columbian Indians were not sparsely settled in a pristine wilderness; rather, there were huge numbers of Indians who actively molded and influenced the land around them. The astonishing Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan had running

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water and immaculately clean streets, and was larger than any contemporary European city. Mexican cultures created corn in a specialized breeding process that it has been called man's first feat of genetic engineering. Indeed, Indians were not living lightly on the land but were landscaping and manipulating their world in ways that we are only now beginning to understand. Challenging and surprising, this a transformative new look at a rich and fascinating world we only thought we knew.

Carlos Lehder Rivas, kingpin of Colombia's most murderous cocaine empire, invited an American professor to Norman's Cay to study the hammerhead shark up close--and the two ended up in mortal combat. Professor Richard Novak, father of five, armed only with a .357 Magnum, his underwater sabotage skills, and the lone courage of his convictions, brought Carlos to his downfall. Photographs.

Your World Your Way! Once the ancient empire of the Inca, Peru still draws visitors with its blend of mystery, lively culture, and beautiful rugged landscape. Explore with Moon Peru. What You'll Find in Moon Peru: Expert, local author Ryan Dubé shares his perspective on his home country Full-color guidebook with vibrant, helpful photos Detailed directions and maps for exploring on your own Strategic itineraries, such as The Best of Peru, From the Inca to the Amazon, Archaeology Intensive, and 48 Hours in Lima In-depth coverage for Lima, The Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cusco, Lake Titicaca and Canyon Country, The Amazon, Nasca and the Desert Coast, The Central Highlands, Huaraz and the Cordillera Blanca, Trujillo and the North Coast, and Cajamarca and the Northern Highlands Activities and ideas for every traveler: Wander the cobblestone streets of Cusco, marveling at the Spanish churches built atop massive Inca walls. Try alpaca steaks and sweet corn, or heaping bowls of ceviche.

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Explore the mystery of the Nazca Lines, or float down the Amazon. Trek (or train) into the cloud forests of the Peruvian mountains to see one of the world's great wonders: the stone city of Machu Picchu Accurate information, including background on the landscape, history, and culture Handy tools such as travel tip and safety information in an easy to navigate format, all packaged in a book light enough to fit in your daypack With Moon Peru's practical tips, myriad activities, and an insider's view on the best things to do and see, you can plan your trip your way.

A gripping, fascinating narrative of the life of America's greatest spiritualist delves into the life of a man who influenced presidents and Hollywood starlets but nevertheless lived in poverty for most of his days. 25,000 first printing.

The new edition of this insightful work begins with a critical reexamination of the rival Greek and British claims to the Elgin Marbles. That case study identifies the questions that continue to dominate the growing international debate about cultural property policy and which are subsequently explored in a newly-expanded array of essays: Why are people concerned about cultural property Is cultural nationalism a sound organizing principle for dealing with cultural property questions? Or is it a relic of 19th century romanticism, kept alive by the power of Byron's poetry? How can one rationalize cultural nationalism with the idea that works of art and antiquities are the cultural heritage of all mankind? What are alternative ways of thinking about cultural property policy and law? The work goes on to pay particular attention to the law and policy relating to cultural property export controls and the evolution and development of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on the Return of Stolen and Illegally Exported Cultural Property. The second part of this highly-regarded book addresses a number of contemporary art law

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issues in essays on counterfeit art, the moral rights of artists, the artist's resale right (*droit de suite*), the litigation over the Mark Rothko estate, and problems of museum trustee negligence, conflict of interests, and misuse of inside information. The author, John Henry Merryman, is an Emeritus and Affiliated Professor in the Department of Art at Stanford Law School. He is a widely respected authority in the fields of international cultural property and art law.

Mystical, timeless, and full of adventure: embark on the trip of a lifetime to the jewel of Peru with Moon Machu Picchu. Inside you'll find: Strategic trekking guides, including two to four days on the Inca Trail, five days on the Salcantay, and an Inca Jungle Trail itinerary, plus focused coverage of Cusco, the Sacred Valley, and Lima Unique experiences beyond the beaten path: Explore seldom-seen ruins like the Ollantaytambo Temple and visit remote Quechua-speaking villages. Go horseback riding on a caballo de paso in the Sacred Valley, mountain biking to the hilltop fortress of Sacsayhuamán, or set up camp on the riverbank after a day of rafting on the Río Apurímac. Sample coca tea and authentic local delicacies, or shop for handmade Peruvian weavings, pottery, and jewelry Essential planning information on agencies, tour guides, and porters, food and accommodations, packing suggestions, finding the best airmiles, and getting around by bus, train, taxi, car, or motorcycle rental How to visit Machu Picchu respectfully, with tips on sustainability and helping the local economy, minimizing your impact, and avoiding over-tourism, with insight from Lima resident Ryan Dubé A guide to hazards, precautions, and gear, including how to avoid altitude sickness Full-color photos and detailed maps throughout Thorough background information on the landscape, wildlife, plants, culture, history, and local customs Handy tools including a Spanish phrasebook, visa information, volunteer and study opportunities, and tips for seniors, families

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with children, visitors with disabilities, women traveling alone, and LGBTQ+ travelers With Moon Machu Picchu's practical advice and insider know-how, you can forge your own path. Exploring the rest of the country? Try Moon Peru. Doing a tour of South America? Try Moon Colombia or Moon Patagonia. Special ebook features: Easily navigate listings with quick searches, plus website links and zoom-in maps and images Personalize your guide by adding notes and bookmarks

Examines archaeological sites in Africa, Europe, Asia, the Near East, and the Americas, discussing each site's history, aspects of its past civilization, and details of its structures and realia

The exploitation of archaeological sites for commercial gain is a serious problem worldwide. In peace and during wartime archaeological sites and cultural institutions, both on land and underwater, are attacked and their contents robbed for sale on an international 'antiquities' market. Objects are excavated without record, smuggled across borders and sold for exorbitant prices in the salesrooms of Europe and North America. In some countries this looting has now reached such a scale as to threaten the very survival of their archaeological and cultural heritage. This volume highlights the deleterious effects of the trade on cultural heritage, but in particular it focuses upon questions of legal and local responses: How can people become involved in the preservation of their past and what, in economic terms, are the costs and benefits? Are international conventions or export restrictions effective in diminishing the volume of the trade and the scale of its associated destruction?

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