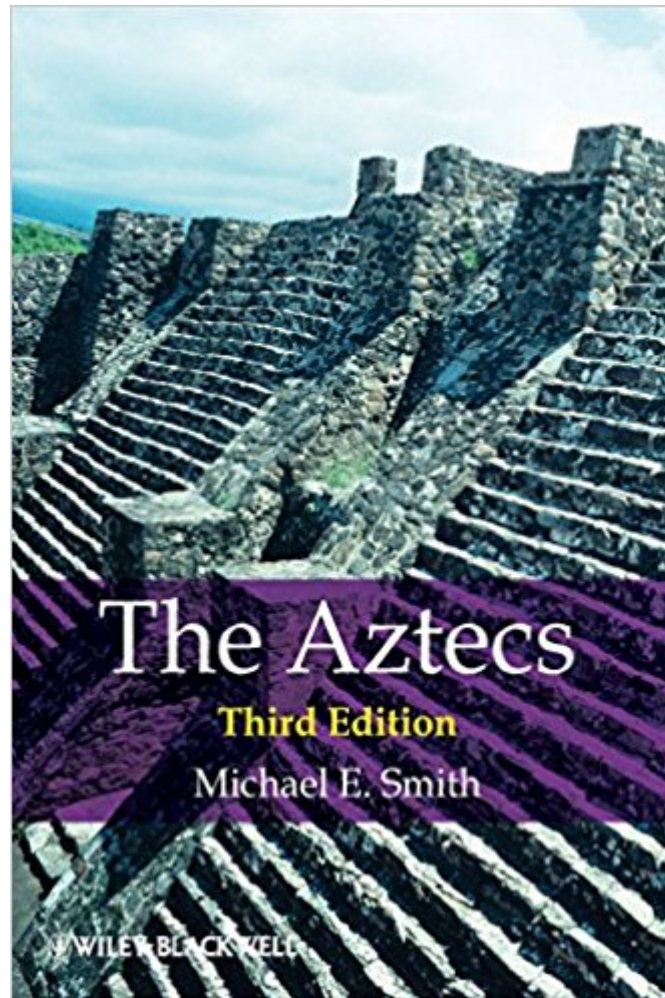




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The Aztecs brings to life one of the best-known indigenous civilizations of the Americas in a vivid, comprehensive account of the ancient Aztecs. Immensely readable, Smith's detailed descriptions of the daily life of the Aztec people provide an excellent and thorough grounding in the subject for students and general readers. Based on the earliest discoveries and newest research in the field, The Aztecs, Third Edition has been revised and updated with the latest advances in Aztec

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Informative and well written.

A wonderful compilation of the Aztec society by Michael Smith. It is all inclusive in describing every facet of their life.

I could not put it down. It was captivatingly informative. To understand the people that built these magnificent structures was a delight. Would recommend this book for anyone interested in good history.

I was interested in knowing more about the aztecs and selected this book because the author is an authority and the reviews, though few, were good. The text is objective though uninspired and, more disappointingly, it's content is thin. The photos, probably taken from the public domain, are old and blurred. The e-book price is \$30 and has a total of 400 pages (i.e., 7.5 cents/page).

I love this book. I have read almost every book there is to read on the Aztecs and their lives as part of a multi-year research project. I actually read this book through a library first before I realized that it was quite possibly the best resource on the Aztecs I could find, so I bought my own copy. In rereading this textbook, I have found a treasure trove of information on virtually every single aspect of Aztec life. This textbook flows well, starting with the basic history and context of the Aztec people, from very early history through the culture-altering visit from the Spanish. We touch upon every important aspect of the Aztec life - food, religion, architecture, natural resources, jobs, tools, etc.

Michael Smith uses every resource he could find to weave together a very comprehensive tale of these indigenous people in Central Mexico. Each resource is cited within its context, so you can fully understand where the information is coming from and whether it's biased - for example the records that Spanish conquerors took of Aztec rituals and ceremonies are tinted with judgement and xenophobia, whereas the Aztec records and documents can be incomplete or mistranslated. I would purchase this textbook fifty times over. If I had to have only one resource on the Aztecs, this would be it.

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