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History News: The Aztec News



Synopsis

"These entertaining, deftly organized books will make terrific light-hearted additions to curriculum units on ancient civilizations."  Publishers Weekly Stop the presses! What if ancient civilizations had daily newspapers? And they were amusing and compellingly informative? They might just look like this innovative series of historical nonfiction, presented in a unique, kid-friendly format.

Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

Grade 5 Up. Two new entries in the publisher's large-format, chatty series that cover early civilizations. They bring readers a wealth of information in colorful pictures, short articles, and witty "ads" that emphasize the social milieu of ancient Egypt and the world of the Aztecs. From the endpapers decorated with hieroglyphics (Egypt) and the Aztec calendar, to the parchment-colored pages bordered with appropriate symbols, the books exhibit designs and illustrations, costumes and colors based on archaeological findings from these cultures. Feature articles tell of major historical events under headlines reading "Empire at Risk" or "Boy-King Dies." Local news tells of "Maize and Beans Festival" or advertises "Scribes Needed." Special interest coverage brings "Girl talk" and

articles on hunting, marriage, and medicine. Wit and humor abound in advertisements for amulets, mud-brick townhouses, and a news picture of an armored Spanish soldier "dressed to kill." Narrative history is lost in this postmodern approach to the past. The "eyewitness" accounts and tongue-in-cheek descriptions couched in modern newscopy and sales talk compress the centuries of these civilization into a single newspaper-style edition. But the books will attract browsers; they bring the varieties of human experience of the past to life; and the facts are there to be absorbed and enjoyed by students who love history as well as those who claim to hate it. Like today's newspapers, these titles offer something for everyone. Shirley Wilton, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJCopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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great book. happy with everything

This book presents historical information in a child-friendly manner with cool facts in an attention grabbing format. Fun way to discuss other periods.

My granddaugfhter needed this book for an elementary school assignment. It was a great deal, and it was exactly what she needed.

A great way to introduce youngsters to a new and different historical period. It provides an imaginative way for students to learn the basics of the life and times of the Aztec Empire. The illustrations are terrific, it presents historically significant events, as well as small details like diet in a form of a menu.

I am in the process of doing a school project on the Aztec and this book has all the info I need! I would recomend this book to anyone! It has everything enterusting in it, there is not one boring word!

Excellent bite sized tidbits of history presented in an interesting format. Inside you will find a map of the Aztec empire, articles detailing every day life of the Aztec from agriculture, the Spanish invasion, war, the ball game, a guide to the ancient city of Tenochtitlan, a girl talk section, food and classifieds that provide an insight to the culture. What a great series! I purchased a copy as a gift for my 9 year old niece and was so impressed that I am purchasing the whole series for her! What a find! A clever and delightful way to introduce history to youngsters.

My class really liked the format of this book, and it encouraged them to find out what this culture was about.

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