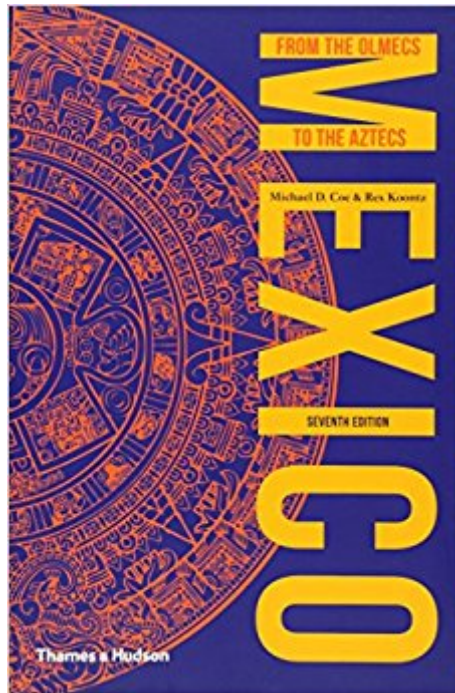


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of Houston and has written widely on ancient Mexican art, architecture, and aesthetics.

A lot of geology, landscape, diet, and other explanations. It's hard to write history and put it all the pieces of the puzzle together, especially when a lot of the pieces are missing or are made up of a couple opposing theories and perspectives. This book has a lot of info.

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A bit dry, and it really condenses a lot of history into a relatively short narrative. However, it does well for an initial survey of pre-colonial Mexican history. A notable exception, is the lack of info on the Mayans, however they are covered in this books companion, so its forgivable.

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Great book. Easy to understand and fascinating. Good to have factual info.

Very good.

Michael Coe has always been the top authority in this subject.

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