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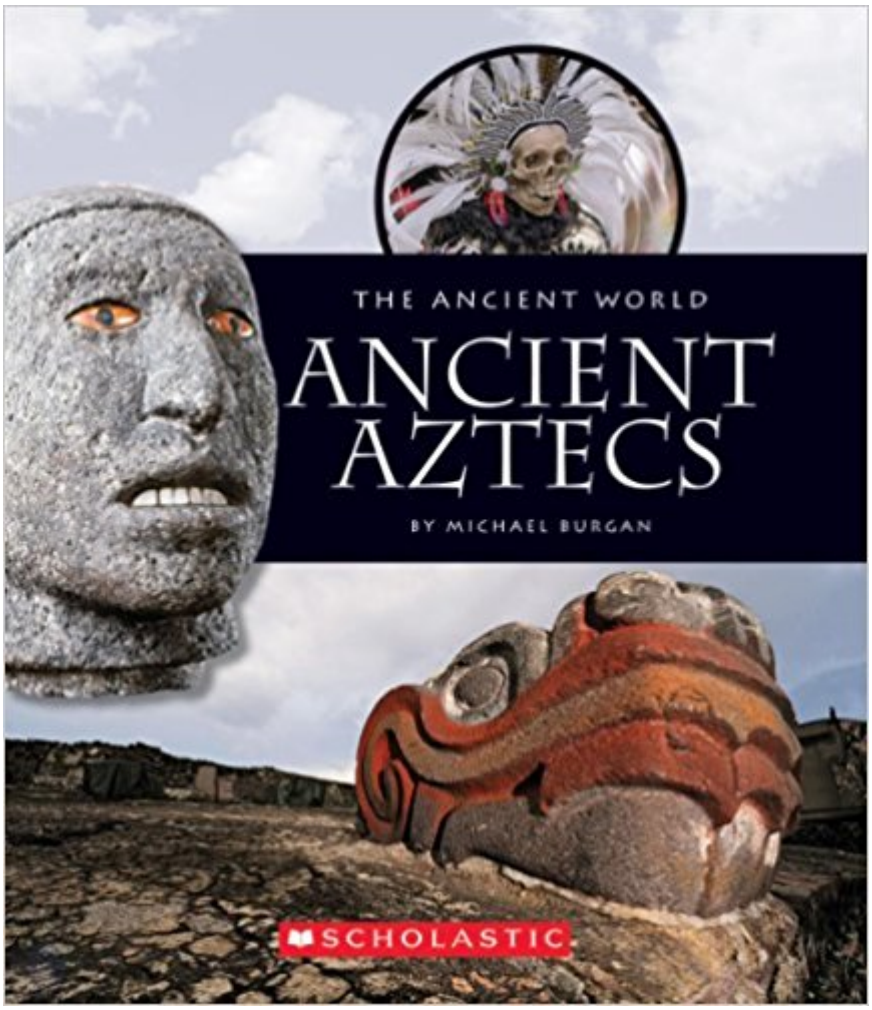

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Synopsis

In the early 16th century, in what is now central Mexico, the Aztec capital city of Tenochtitlan was home to more than 200,000 people. From the empires earliest roots to its eventual demise, this title details the incredible rise and fall of one of the greatest civilizations in history. It also examines ancient Aztec religious beliefs, scientific innovations, and daily life, as well as how the civilizations culture has affected the world we live in today.

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Customer Reviews

Ok, I'll admit that I am a senior--and that's not in high school. We recently visited Mexico City again, and the visit reignited my curiosity about the Aztecs. I wanted to read something simple that wouldn't throw too many facts at me. This book was perfect. It is beautifully illustrated. Try it!

This book is written right at that 6th-8th grade age level -- perfect for a report or an interested student. Unlike most books written for this age, this book goes above-and-beyond with the interesting illustrations and visual presentation of information.I think it does our kids a disservice to gloss over, as this book does, the horrors of an Aztec theocracy founded on human sacrifice. The Aztecs consolidated their power largely through the terror of their enemies -- it does not hurt to point this out. The Aztec system was rigid and hierarchical, with a nobility class ruling at whim and consuming most of the national product, while the common people subsisted poorly and saw their

children enslaved to fight wars of imperialism.Too many kids think the Aztec empire was the glory days of their culture and moving north to "reclaim" their homeland will bring back the good times. This book tends to feed that delusion.Parents need to fill in the gaps: it is never good to be ruled by a death cult.

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