



The Code of Kings: The Language of Seven Sacred Maya Temples and Tombs

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Touchstone. 1 Paperback(s), 1999. soft. Book Condition: New. This unique guide to seven major sites of Maya civilization highlights the pioneering work of two scholars of ancient America, illustrated with line drawings and photos throughout. In deciphering the hieroglyphs that cover the surfaces of Maya ruins, Linda Schele and Peter Mathews give us a far clearer picture of this culture than we had before, including the names of Maya kings and the stories they wished to preserve. "Mayan civilization, with its hieroglyphic writing and dazzling city ruins, is among the most spectacular in the world. Mayanists Schele and Mathews . give a vivid guided tour through the cities. Focusing on seven of the most famous buildings in Mayan archaeology, these experts show how the Maya used glyphs to literally inscribe their architecture with accounts of their history and sacred myths. The buildings described include the palace at Tikal, a shrine to the celebrated 'Great-Jaguar-Claw,' who, like George Washington to Americans, symbolized his city for centuries; and King Pakal's tomb, whose construction and inscriptions this patron of the arts obsessed with preserving his memory for posterity and his soul for the afterlife spent his last years overseeing. Stories of the text-covered monuments of...



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