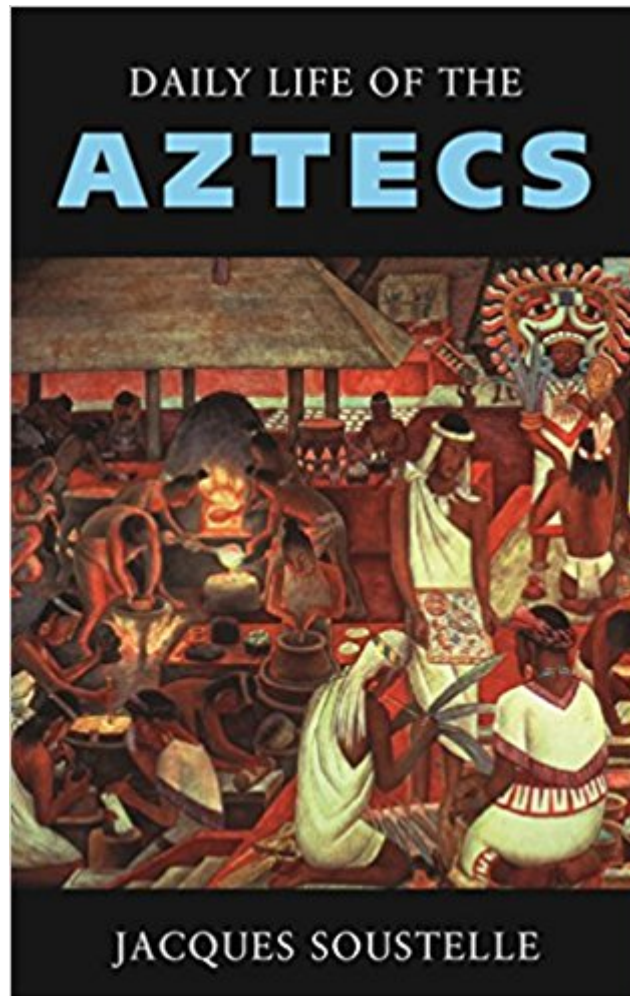




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Jacques Soustelle was born in Montpellier in 1912 and attained fame both as a scholar and a politician. He made an exhaustive study of the Aztec language, society, art and architecture, rituals and beliefs. Following his retirement from active politics at the time of the first Algerian revolt, he returned to Paris to reassume a position he had held since 1937-Director of the most famous ethnological museum in the world, the Musee de l'Homme. He died in 1990.

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Aliens! Oh, but they had truly been Barbarians, we might all be speaking Nahuatl....There are some Great Reviews here on of this very same book, only with the full title of Daily Life of the Aztecs on the Eve of the Spanish Conquest. Check those out &, yes, get this book!

A must read if one wants to understand Mexico. While this book is not a recent work it remains a solid base for further studies. Regrettably the US edition did not reproduce the pictures from the French publication. It is worth noting that Soustelle learned the Aztec language and, during WWII in the underground Resistance, he used it to communicate secretly with his wife while fighting the Nazi in France.

It is an excellent book.

Lerned a lot of things about the people living in Mexico before the spaniards arrival!

Great book!!!

Very informative

This is a fascinating book that details the lives of the Nahuatl people prior to the engagement with Spain and the ensuing chaos that destroyed their vibrant society. Well written, with lots of details about the common man, women, professions, and other factors of life. Unlike so many other shallow texts it does not concentrate on the sacrificial aspects of the society, which have been done to death in a thousand other publications of which most people who read this are probably familiar. I recommend this book for people who won't to know more about the "Aztecs" and the ancient society of the Nahuatl.

this was an excellent book, it really beautifully paints a picture of life in the time of the mexica. it is the equivalent of someone writing about our society and describing the physical surroundings and its inhabitants. it gave me further insight into my peoples culture, and showed me that we were a people of schools and art, and were deeply spiritual people. showed me how our culture was equal if not superior to that of the Europeans. an overall great read. highly recommended not just for the individual who is reclaiming their culture but for the student as well.

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