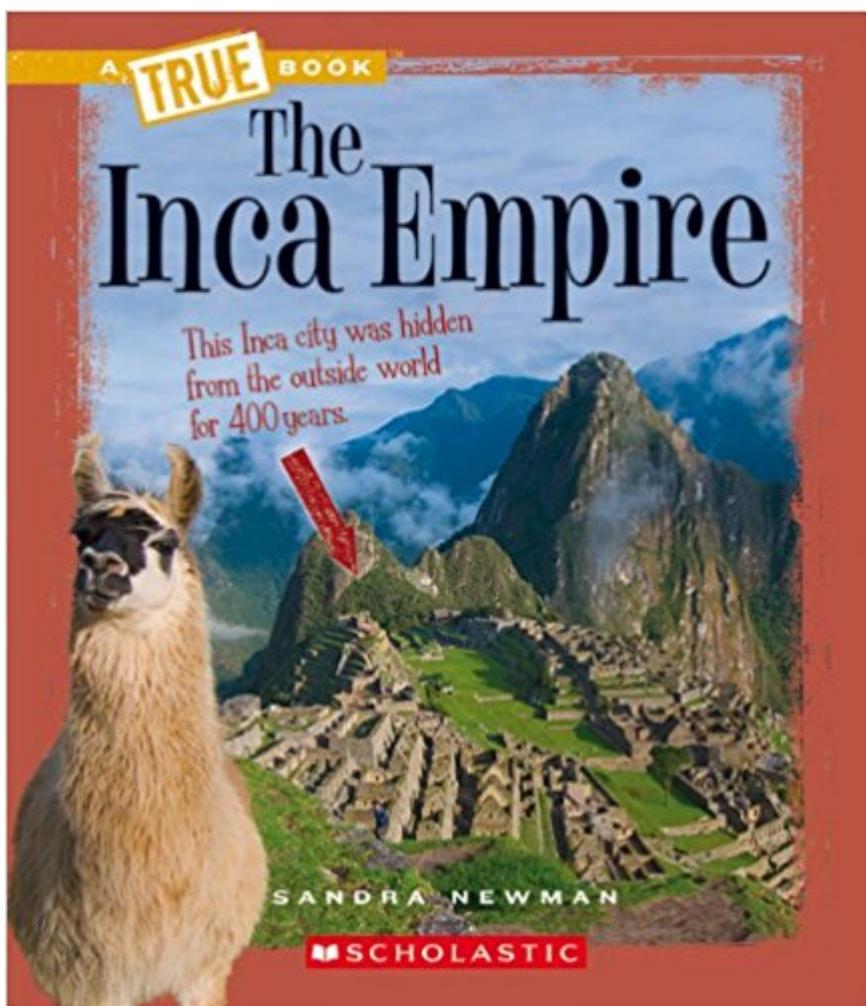


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# The Inca Empire (True Books: Ancient Civilizations)



## **Synopsis**

- Clean new design for easy readability and comprehension- Updated text presented in a lively, continuous narrative- New center-spread "sidebar" feature presenting material in a fun, creative way- Excellent age-appropriate introduction to curriculum-relevant subjects- "Important Words" glossary clarifies subject-specific vocabulary- "Resources" section encourages independent study- Index makes navigating subject matter easy

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

Sandra Newman is the author of *The Only Good Thing Anyone Has Ever Done*, which was short-listed for the Guardian First Book Award. She is also the author of the novel *Cake*; the memoir, *Changeling*; *How Not to Write a Novel*, an irreverent how-to guide with Howard Mittelmark; and *The Western Lit Survival Kit*. She lives in New York.

This was what seemed to be a very accurate book on the period. But the text felt to me very dense, hard to understand, and especially hard for kids (mine are 6 and 10 and as a mother will always say, smart.) I was hoping for something that more clearly laid out the timelines of the Incan Empire and the Spanish invasion and put the events in sequence that they could digest. I found myself

reading the material to my six-year old, then going back through it in my own words after I had done that. This is the best book I could find on the topic for kids, but I still thought the text was unnecessarily dense. For example to describe some of the tribes before the Incas, phrases like "During quests to take over their land... they were conquered" or "they served their new Inca rulers." I first had to explain a quest, conquer, and what "serving a ruler" meant- I'm frankly not even sure. If you are going to say stones were fitted together without mortar, few kids actually know what mortar is. Either use more sentences and make them simpler and explain those concepts, or don't use those words. It seems like the language is unnecessarily dense or maybe just odd word choices that result in text that isn't easy to explain to the targeted demographic. Either way, requires a lot of adult involvement for this book to make sense to either age.

The Inca nation stretched along the west coast of South America for 2500 miles. Why did the people go 7000 feet up in the mountains to build a great city and then let it lay abandoned for 400 years? How did the empire develop 200 types of potatoes that would later feed Europe and the Incas never had a written language. What a puzzle! They built temples with walls covered with gold. Was this the lost city of gold that the Spanish explorers searched for in what is now Mexico and the U.S. Southwest? Another mystery. This inexpensive book has full color photos on every page and also lists resources of other reference books, web sites and even museums.

My family is from Peru and I wanted my kids to learn more about their heritage. This is a great beginner's book for small kids.

I got this book to teach my daughter about some Latin American history. I found it was super informative and taught me quite a few things I did not know. It has great pictures and is easy to follow. I also got the True Books Maya and Aztec books. They were all great and I plan to get more of these!

Just came back with my 9 year old son and 13 year old daughter from a 3 week trip to PERU (we visited machu picchu twice). I was homeschooling them while on this trip. So before we left i ordered a bunch of fiction and non fiction books about Peru (some to read before, during or after this trip)That being said, this book was interesting to my son and even my daughter wanted to read it. It was informative and it helped prepare my kids for this trip.No issues with seller or shipping. Book was as described.

Very well explained. Written pronunciation helped a lot. My granddaughter and I read the book. She is four years old, Taylor, and she did not have a problem reading it. Very interesting facts. Good way to introduce history for children. Great book.

We bought this book while at Machu Picchu and then promptly left the bag in our supper restaurant. Sad sad. Though we could not read it while in Peru, I ordered it on and had it delivered to a friend who then brought it to us when we met in Cartagena. It's a great book.

Easy to read and enjoyable for kids. Good picture clues. I used the chapter headings as themes for my unit on the rise and fall of Inca Empire.

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