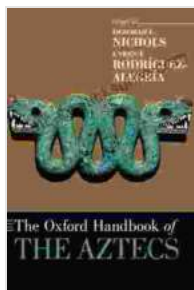


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## History of the Aztecs

The Aztecs were a Nahuatl-speaking people who migrated to the Valley of Mexico in the 13th century. They founded the city of Tenochtitlan in 1325,

which would become the capital of their empire.

The Aztec Empire grew rapidly in the 15th and 16th centuries, as the Aztecs conquered neighboring peoples and expanded their territory. By the time of the Spanish conquest in 1521, the Aztec Empire included most of central Mexico, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean.

## **Aztec Culture**

The Aztecs were a highly cultured people with a rich and complex society. They developed a sophisticated system of writing and mathematics, and they were skilled in art, music, and dance.

The Aztecs were also a deeply religious people, and their religion played a central role in their culture. They believed in a pantheon of gods and goddesses, and they practiced elaborate rituals and ceremonies to honor them.

## **Aztec Art and Architecture**

The Aztecs were renowned for their art and architecture. They were skilled in carving, painting, and sculpting, and they produced some of the most beautiful and impressive works of art in Mesoamerica.

Aztec architecture was also highly developed, and the Aztecs built some of the largest and most impressive buildings in the pre-Columbian Americas. The Great Pyramid of Tenochtitlan, which was the largest temple in the Aztec Empire, was one of the most awe-inspiring structures in the world.

## **The Spanish Conquest**

The Aztec Empire was conquered by the Spanish in 1521. The Spanish conquest was a devastating event for the Aztecs, and it led to the collapse of their empire and the loss of much of their culture.

However, the legacy of the Aztecs lives on today. Their art and architecture can still be seen throughout Mexico, and their culture continues to influence Mexican society.

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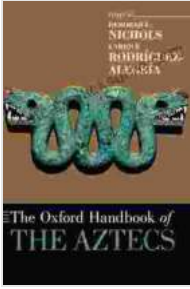
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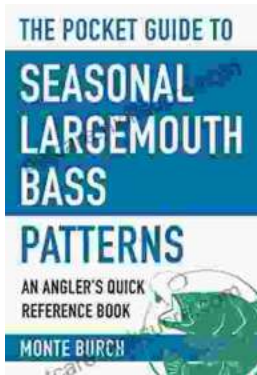
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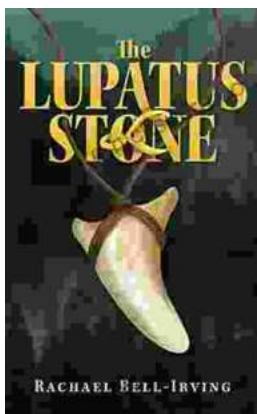


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