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Seven Wonders of Ancient North America

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Woods, Mary B. *Seven Wonders of Ancient North America*. Lerner, 2009. ISBN 9780822575726. \$33.26. 80 p.

Reviewer: Meriam Bates

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Indians of North America --Antiquities --Juvenile literature; Indians of Mexico --Antiquities --Juvenile literature; North America --Antiquities --Juvenile literature; Mexico --Antiquities --Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

In ancient times, Greek philosophers compiled a list of the greatest wonders of the world known to them. However, the Greeks did not know about the wonderful accomplishments of the people living in North America. Therefore, as a final edition to their Seven Wonders series, Michael and Mary Woods have compiled their list of the wonders of ancient North America. Their choices include Jellyfish Cove, The Iroquois Confederacy, Cahokia, Cliff Palace, the Temple of Inscriptions, Teotihuacán, and Tenochtitlán.

In addition to the detailed descriptions, illustrations, quotations, and fun facts that accompany each achievement, the book also includes resources for further research. These resources include a timeline, a glossary and pronunciation guide, source notes, a bibliography, and further reading and websites. The authentic, accurate, and detailed facts and illustrations, as well as the research resources, make this an excellent study tool for young people who want to learn about any one of the seven wonders featured in the book. However, the many pictures and fun facts scattered throughout the text may also be distracting for the casual reader. The best part of this book is its ability to accurately relate difficult concepts in a way that it is easy for young readers to understand.

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