



The Last Days of the Incas

By Kim MacQuarrie

Download now

Read Online →

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie

The epic story of the fall of the Inca Empire to Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro in the aftermath of a bloody civil war, and the recent discovery of the lost guerrilla capital of the Incas, Vilcabamba, by three American explorers.

In 1532, the fifty-four-year-old Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro led a force of 167 men, including his four brothers, to the shores of Peru. Unbeknownst to the Spaniards, the Inca rulers of Peru had just fought a bloody civil war in which the emperor Atahualpa had defeated his brother Huascar. Pizarro and his men soon clashed with Atahualpa and a huge force of Inca warriors at the Battle of Cajamarca. Despite being outnumbered by more than two hundred to one, the Spaniards prevailed—due largely to their horses, their steel armor and swords, and their tactic of surprise. They captured and imprisoned Atahualpa. Although the Inca emperor paid an enormous ransom in gold, the Spaniards executed him anyway. The following year, the Spaniards seized the Inca capital of Cuzco, completing their conquest of the largest native empire the New World has ever known. Peru was now a Spanish colony, and the conquistadors were wealthy beyond their wildest dreams.

But the Incas did not submit willingly. A young Inca emperor, the brother of Atahualpa, soon led a massive rebellion against the Spaniards, inflicting heavy casualties and nearly wiping out the conquerors. Eventually, however, Pizarro and his men forced the emperor to abandon the Andes and flee to the Amazon. There, he established a hidden capital, called Vilcabamba—only recently rediscovered by a trio of colorful American explorers. Although the Incas fought a deadly, thirty-six-year-long guerrilla war, the Spanish ultimately captured the last Inca emperor and vanquished the native resistance.

↓ [Download The Last Days of the Incas ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online The Last Days of the Incas ...pdf](#)

The Last Days of the Incas

By Kim MacQuarrie

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie

The epic story of the fall of the Inca Empire to Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro in the aftermath of a bloody civil war, and the recent discovery of the lost guerrilla capital of the Incas, Vilcabamba, by three American explorers.

In 1532, the fifty-four-year-old Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro led a force of 167 men, including his four brothers, to the shores of Peru. Unbeknownst to the Spaniards, the Inca rulers of Peru had just fought a bloody civil war in which the emperor Atahualpa had defeated his brother Huascar. Pizarro and his men soon clashed with Atahualpa and a huge force of Inca warriors at the Battle of Cajamarca. Despite being outnumbered by more than two hundred to one, the Spaniards prevailed—due largely to their horses, their steel armor and swords, and their tactic of surprise. They captured and imprisoned Atahualpa. Although the Inca emperor paid an enormous ransom in gold, the Spaniards executed him anyway. The following year, the Spaniards seized the Inca capital of Cuzco, completing their conquest of the largest native empire the New World has ever known. Peru was now a Spanish colony, and the conquistadors were wealthy beyond their wildest dreams.

But the Incas did not submit willingly. A young Inca emperor, the brother of Atahualpa, soon led a massive rebellion against the Spaniards, inflicting heavy casualties and nearly wiping out the conquerors. Eventually, however, Pizarro and his men forced the emperor to abandon the Andes and flee to the Amazon. There, he established a hidden capital, called Vilcabamba—only recently rediscovered by a trio of colorful American explorers. Although the Incas fought a deadly, thirty-six-year-long guerrilla war, the Spanish ultimately captured the last Inca emperor and vanquished the native resistance.

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #13098 in Books
- Brand: Brand: Simon n Schuster
- Published on: 2008-06-05
- Released on: 2008-06-17
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.25" h x 1.30" w x 6.12" l, 1.33 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 522 pages

 [Download The Last Days of the Incas ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Last Days of the Incas ...pdf](#)

Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. With vivid and energetic prose, Emmy Award–winner and author MacQuarrie (*From the Andes to the Amazon*) re-creates the 16th-century struggle for what would become modern-day Peru. The Incas ruled a 2,500–mile-long empire, but Spanish explorers, keen to enrich the crown and spread the Catholic Church, eventually destroyed Inca society. MacQuarrie, who writes with just the right amount of drama ("After the interpreter finished delivering the speech, silence once again gripped the square"), is to be commended for giving a balanced account of those events. This long and stylish book doesn't end with the final 1572 collapse of the Incas. Fast-forwarding to the 20th century, MacQuarrie tells the surprisingly fascinating story of scholars' evolving interpretations of Inca remains. In 1911, a young Yale professor of Latin American history named Hiram Bingham identified Machu Picchu as the nerve center of the empire. Few questioned Bingham's theory until after his death in 1956; in the 1960s Gene Savoy discovered the real Inca center of civilization, Vilcabamba. Although MacQuarrie dedicates just a few chapters to modern research, the archeologists who made the key discoveries emerge as well-developed characters, and the tale of digging up the empire is as riveting as the more familiar history of Spanish conquest. B&w illus., maps. (May 29)

Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From [Booklist](#)

The Incas were members of the group of Quechuan peoples of Peru, who established an empire from northern Ecuador to central Chile before the Spanish conquest. MacQuarrie reminds his readers that nearly 500 years ago, 168 Spaniards arrived in what is now Peru and collided with an Incan empire of 10 million people. The author, who lived in Peru for five years, chronicles the adventures of Hiram Bingham, who, in 1911, discovered Machu Picchu and believed it was the Incan capital. MacQuarrie also recounts the search by Gene Savoy, the American explorer who found Vilcabamba, the true capital. He describes the adventures of other conquistadors and puppet kings, the rebellion of 1535, and other military attempts to conquer the Indians. MacQuarrie, a four-time Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, researched Spanish and Incan chronicles. The result is a first-rate reference work of ambitious scope that will most likely stand as the definitive account of these people. *George Cohen*

Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Review

"A welcome addition to the literature...Lively and dramatic" – *The Washington Post*

"Vivid...energetic...fascinating...riveting"--Publisher's Weekly, *STARRED Review*

"In this thrilling informative work...MacQuarrie also manages to spin the oft-told story of the discovery of Machu Picchu into narrative gold." --*Entertainment Weekly*

"Thoroughly and entertainingly recounted...MacQuarrie excels." --*Forbes*

"A first-rate...work of ambitious scope that will most likely stand as the definitive account of these people."—*Booklist*

"Fascinating and enthralling...the direct narrative brings alive people who existed 500 years ago. Truly a work worth Inca gold." -- *The History Magazine*

"The Last Days of the Incas reads like a novel...a delightful, eminently readable account." -- *St. Petersburg Times*

"Hooks the reader right away with its flowing, novelistic language...a ripping good yarn. And [it] would make a great movie, too." -- *The Roanoke Times*

Kim MacQuarrie's detailed, gripping account of the destruction wreaked by Spanish conquistadors following their arrival in the Incan empire in 1532 is a stand-out read. It's compelling, brutal and hugely revealing about the plight of the Incan people. – *History Revealed*

"A skillful mix of extensive research, insightful analysis, and masterful storytelling." -- *CHOICE (Current Reviews for Academic Libraries)*

"Sensitive...heart-wrenching...astounding" -- *The South American Explorer Magazine*

"This is an excellent book...a detailed, highly accurate and thoroughly engaging narrative of these events" -- *Dr. Brian S Bauer, Inca specialist, University of Illinois at Chicago, The Historian*

"This is a wonderful book about one of the most epic struggles of history, a conquest that transformed a continent." -- *Wade Davis, anthropologist and author of "One River" and "Into the Silence"*

"A colorful, superbly crafted historical narrative that masterfully demonstrates that when cultures collide, unforeseen and tragic consequences follow....also a memorable adventure story, revealing the modern Indiana Jones-type characters that unearthed, and continue to discover, lost parts of the Inca Empire. "The Last Days of the Incas" is historical writing at its best." -- *Broughton Coburn, author of "Everest: Mountain Without Mercy"*

"The Last Days of the Incas surprises, delivers history, and reads like a great yarn. I've read yards of books on the Incas, but this one took me out of the classroom and into that long-lost world." -- *Keith Bellows, Editor in Chief, National Geographic Traveler*

"The story of the European conquest of the fascinating and fabulously rich empire of the Incas is one of history's most engaging and tragic episodes...Thanks to The Last Days of the Incas, Kim MacQuarrie's superbly written new treatment of the subject, it is now accessible to the much broader audience it deserves." -- *Vincent Lee, author of "Forgotten Vilcabamba"*

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Tisha Betancourt:

The book The Last Days of the Incas make you feel enjoy for your spare time. You may use to make your capable considerably more increase. Book can to become your best friend when you getting tension or having big problem together with your subject. If you can make studying a book The Last Days of the Incas for being your habit, you can get more advantages, like add your personal capable, increase your knowledge about many or all subjects. You can know everything if you like wide open and read a guide The Last Days of the Incas. Kinds of book are a lot of. It means that, science guide or encyclopedia or others. So , how do you think about this publication?

Sandra Phillips:

The book *The Last Days of the Incas* has a lot of details on it. So when you read this book you can get a lot of profit. The book was published by the very famous author. Tom makes some research previous to write this book. This kind of book very easy to read you will get the point easily after scanning this book.

Catherine Branch:

Do you really one of the book lovers? If yes, do you ever feeling doubt when you find yourself in the book store? Try to pick one book that you never know the inside because don't ascertain book by its deal with may doesn't work here is difficult job because you are afraid that the inside maybe not because fantastic as in the outside appear likes. Maybe you answer might be *The Last Days of the Incas* why because the amazing cover that make you consider concerning the content will not disappoint an individual. The inside or content will be fantastic as the outside or maybe cover. Your reading 6th sense will directly guide you to pick up this book.

David Beall:

This *The Last Days of the Incas* is great guide for you because the content that is full of information for you who have always deal with world and also have to make decision every minute. This specific book reveal it information accurately using great plan word or we can state no rambling sentences inside it. So if you are read the item hurriedly you can have whole facts in it. Doesn't mean it only offers you straight forward sentences but challenging core information with splendid delivering sentences. Having *The Last Days of the Incas* in your hand like finding the world in your arm, data in it is not ridiculous one particular. We can say that no guide that offer you world inside ten or fifteen small right but this guide already do that. So , this really is good reading book. Hey there Mr. and Mrs. hectic do you still doubt this?

Download and Read Online *The Last Days of the Incas* By Kim MacQuarrie #JFC3AZ2TVXB

Read The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie for online ebook

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie books to read online.

Online The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie ebook PDF download

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie Doc

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie Mobipocket

The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie EPub

JFC3AZ2TVXB: The Last Days of the Incas By Kim MacQuarrie