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"Transforms the field of Inca studies." *Gary Urton, Harvard University*

"There have been many syntheses of the Inca culture of the Central Andes of South America, but this one, by the leader in Inca studies, surpasses them all." *Choice*

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The great empire of the Incas at its height encompassed an area of western South America comparable in size to the Roman Empire in Europe. This book describes and explains its extraordinary progress from a small Andean society in southern Peru to its rapid demise little more than a century later at the hands of the Spanish conquerors.

The Incas is the first book fully to synthesize history and archaeology in a sweeping exploration of the entire empire from Chile to Ecuador. The author explains how the Incas drew from millennia of cultural developments to mould a diverse land into a dynamic, powerful, and yet fragile polity. From this integrated perspective, *The Incas* profoundly rethinks the nature of imperial formation, ideology, and social, economic, and political relations in Inca society.

Illustrated with numerous maps and photographs, this scholarly yet accessible book should become the new standard account of the most impressive of the pre-Columbian civilizations of the Americas.

About the Author

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