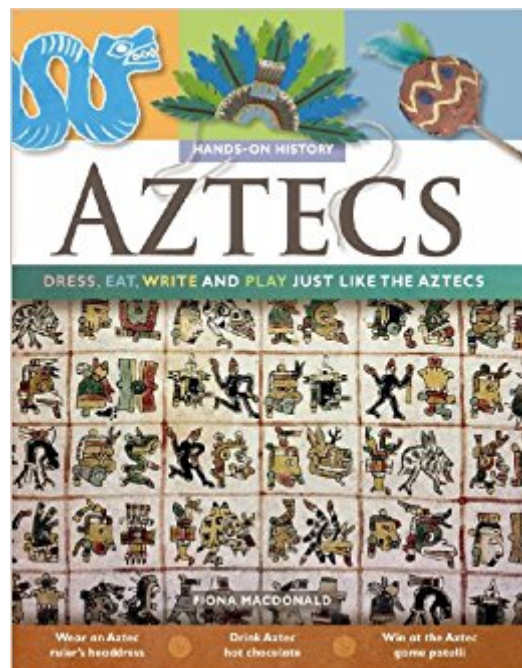




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Aztecs: Dress, Eat, Write And Play Just Like The Aztecs (Hands-On History)



Synopsis

Step into the world of the Aztecs! Make an Aztec ruler's feather headdress, sip Aztec hot chocolate, keep your wits about you as you play patolli, make a seed rattle, and create your own folding codex book. Fascinating facts and thirteen easy-to-do activities involve young readers in exploring this ancient civilization and its people.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6-A biased look at the history and culture of the Aztecs. Amplified by sloppy watercolors, MacDonald's text describes the often harsh realities of their lives in a judgmental manner. The author exhibits little understanding of an agricultural, pre-industrial peoples and even less respect for the Aztecs. Their legends and myths are given short shrift, e.g., the epic of their early wanderings and search for the eagle eating a snake atop a cactus is completely ignored, yet this motif persists today as an image on the flag of Mexico. Many unsupported statements are made, e.g., the Great Temple is referred to as a "holy and terrifying" place, but human sacrifice is not mentioned to explain this remark; flowers were bought and sold because "the city streets and canals must have been smelly." Many of their accomplishments are belittled, e.g., that their treatment of illness "may unfortunately have hastened the patient's death

FIONA MACDONALD has written over 300 history titles for children, specializing in everyday life in the past. She studied history at Cambridge University and at the University of East Anglia. She has taught in schools, adult education and university, and is the author of numerous books for children on historical topics. Her books have been recommended by the TES and the AASL. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As a 6th grade teacher, I found this book to be a good reference tool for myself. However, my students were overwhelmed and did not know where to start with it. The text layout is scattered and busy. It does have some beautiful photographs and great illustrations with captions that provide an ample amount of good information. MacDonald's "How Would You Survive..." book is much more reader-friendly for those interested in the Aztecs.

I use this book every time I teach kids about the Aztecs. It's engaging (great illustrations), informative, and fun. Every student enjoys reading MacDonald's book. The fold-out pages give her plenty of space for details (from human manure to steam baths) as well as drawings and photographs.

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