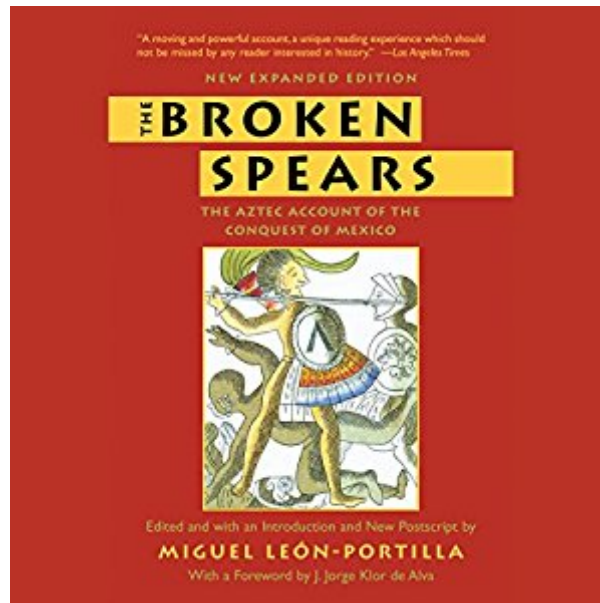


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The work provides vignettes or glimpses into how the Aztec people perceived and felt about the Conquest. The insights are great! I only wish there were more of them. So the only flaw I can find with the work is that it's too brief.

I love history and this book brings out points that are not recorded with the Spanish documented history that many may not be aware of, really helps fill in the gaps and leads to a much better understanding of the epoch.

A very good read, interesting and informative.

The history of the conquest as told by the Aztecs themselves, a point of view I have not read before. Very sad, but important story, which the research by this author finding the accounts as told by

Indians who survived.

This is an excellent book, written from the perspectives of the Aztec's about the invasion of Spaniards, and eventually the fall of their (Aztec) rich culture and society. There are very few historical accounts that are not written from the European point of view. The book is excellent and was in excellent condition when it was received. I would recommend it to anyone interested in history.

Good read!

This book was very useful in that it informed me on a different perspective of a key event in history. The way this book is written puts events in that transpired so much clearer. In every piece of evidence and information in this book is from documents that were created during that time. This book speaks about the Aztecs side of the entire conquest of Spain and just before. While telling of the events that transpired during this time period is a more morbid version due to the fact that the Aztecs were the "victims" of the situation. I would recommend this book because it is an easy yet informative read for me personally. I found the use of documents from that specific time to be very interesting and the way he wrote made you literally see exactly what is happening like your overlooking the situation. I also believe the author completed his purpose because he tells you about what the Aztec's did and how they felt on the situation they went through.

Very informative but also just a good read in general. Entertaining!

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