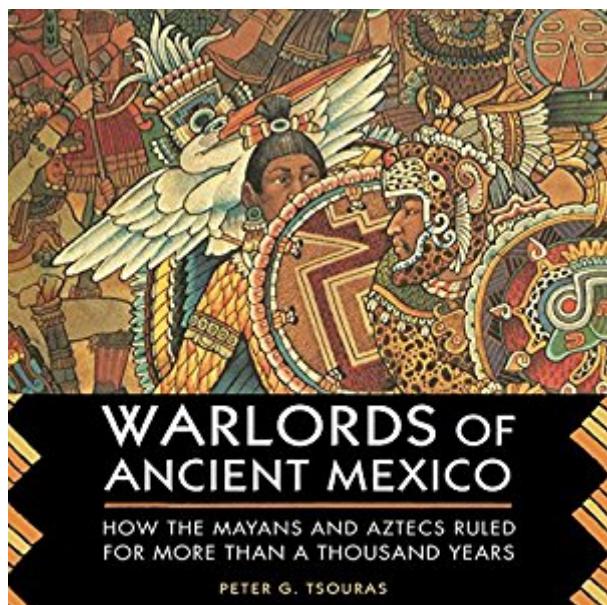


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Peter Tsouras, best known for his excellent alternative history books, gives us a work on a very neglected subject: warfare in pre-Columbian America. The author gives the reader a brief overview of the strategic picture in Central America at the time as well as the lay of the land. He begins with the Toltecs and their overarching superiority as a civilization as well as the legend of Quetzalcoatl - important since it has a vital role in the story of the later Aztec or "Mexica". Frankly, the author spends little time on the Maya. The focus of this book is on central Mexico. Although the reader must wade through often difficult to pronounce names and words, there's a lot of solid military

history. The states of central Mexico were bellicose and expansionist - as well as having religions based on human sacrifice. This is a topic ignored by many historians and numerous television specials, leaving the reader with the impression that the Americas were peaceful utopias until the bad, bad white people came. The reality is diametrically opposed with bloodthirsty kings and emperors leading armies of highly skilled, valiant and disciplined warriors against those of their neighbors. The pre-Columbian Americas were violent places where empires and city states vied with each other, making alliances, absorbing territories of weaker states and making war for plunder or expansion. One thing the reader will note is the commonality with warfare in the West, in Asia and all other places in the world. Some things are universal: discipline, training, logistics, alliances, ruse, strategem, etc. Most of the book focuses on the most successful people we have extensive documentary evidence of: the Aztec or Mexica.

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