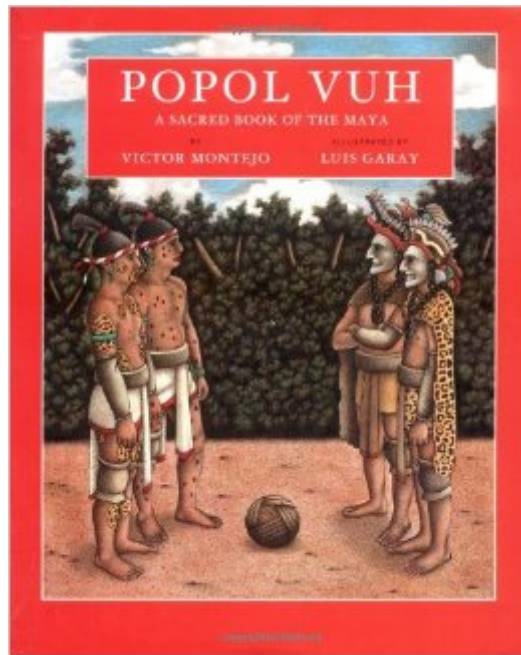


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Popol Vuh: A Sacred Book Of The Maya



Synopsis

One of the few Maya documents to survive the Spanish conquest, the Popol Vuh describes the creation of the Maya universe and of humans. It tells the tale of the Hero Twins, who defeated the gods of the underworld in a ball game, and details the legendary history of the Quiche Maya rulers until their imprisonment and torture by the Spanish. Equivalent to the Bible and the Greek and Roman mythologies, the Popol Vuh is the essential text of Mayan culture. Here, vivid images and captivating text will fascinate children.

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Customer Reviews

I have a formal, Spanish translated copy of the Popol Vuh and have not gotten around to reading it. Fortunately, once I bought this child friendly copy, I read it every night to my children and finished it in a little over a week. I might otherwise have taken much longer to get to the famed book. I am grateful Victor Montejo created this colorful, easy to read, English version.

Back in 1996, when the best (perhaps the only) translation of the Popul Vuh - by Dennis Tedlock - was published, I grabbed it from the shelves in desperate anticipation. Written in a story-like manner, it's still a beautiful read today. Recently I wanted to share the Mayan creation story with my children. Lo and behold I find Victor Montejo's version and my day is made! My kids love this story. It's well done and allows the imagination to soar. Creation myths are a part of who we are,

regardless of our own personal ancestry. As a World-people, the more we understand each other and our pasts, the better we can get along.

I have enjoyed reading religious mythology since I was a child. I bought this for my granddaughter and we enjoyed it together. It's great to have this history from South America and the illustrations are wonderful!

My roommate got this as gift for a friend in Mexico. He had misgivings about it being a picture book, but when he saw it, he was pleased with it. Informative and beautiful. It may make a nice cocktail table book. Anyway, he's going to Mexico tomorrow. He's bringing the book on the plane.

This is one of two books I bought for my grandson, 8, before a trip to the Yucatan. I'd wanted to give him a bit of background on the Maya, and this certainly did the trick. He enjoyed it, as did I.

If you are interested in Mayan culture and history, I highly recommend you read this. We took a trip to Belize and on just about every tour they brought up the Popol Vuh.

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