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### Editorial Review

#### From Library Journal

Machu Picchu is one of the most stunning archaeological sites on Earth. Located in the heart of the Andes in Peru, this five-centuries-old Incan relic attracts some 300,000 tourists yearly. Yet the significance of the site itself is difficult to unravel without a lot of personal knowledge or a comprehensive guidebook. Wright, who has studied the site for 25 years and has worked at Machu Picchu since 1994, and Zegarra (anthropology and archaeology, Univ. of Cuzco) have teamed up to produce a handy book for visitors who wish to guide themselves at their own pace through the site. A bound-in, fold-out color archaeological map of Machu Picchu keyed to the book's chapters and an array of black-and-white as well as color photographs will help users find and navigate the site easily and not depend on fractured live tour guide information. After reading this book, you will want to hop on the next flight to Peru. If you are unlucky enough never to visit Machu Picchu, the guide will serve as an excellent virtual tour. Recommended for general travel collections. Olga B. Wise, Compaq Computer Corp., Austin, TX

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"The Machu Picchu Guidebook is a wonderful volume. Not only does it offer a clear and well-illustrated guide to this unique site, but it incorporates new interpretations and insights of investigators actively involved in the archaeological study of Machu Picchu, including the authors themselves. I recommend it highly to all those planning a visit to Machu Picchu." —Richard L. Burger, Director, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, home to the 1912 Bingham Machu Picchu Treasures

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—Don Montague, president, South American Explorers

"A tour de force! Ruth Wright and Alfredo Valencia Zegarra have written the definitive guide to Machu Picchu. A delight to read, their clear and concise expert narrative is an invaluable reference for first-time and returning visitors alike. The first guide to explore in depth the architectural and engineering wonders of Machu Picchu, this guidebook recaptures the excitement of Hiram Bingham's 1911 discovery of the legendary Inca site, while at the same time providing the most up-to-date archaeological information, fully illustrated with architectural plans—including a spectacular new foldout color site plan—analytical

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