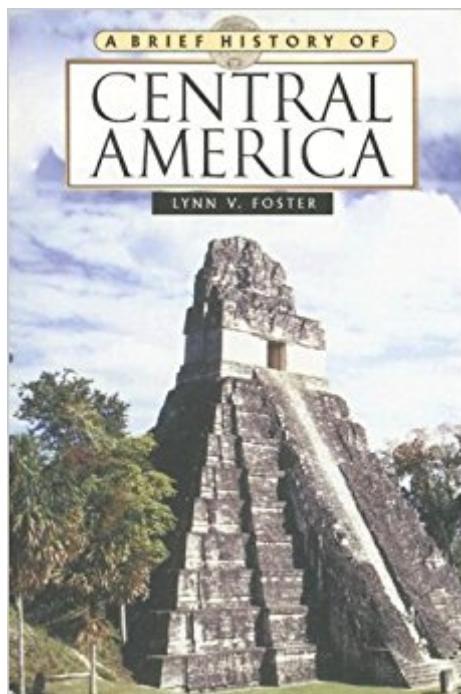


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Summarising such a culturally dense region into 300 pages is impossible but well done with some nice side bars for interesting characters along the way. Always want to read more but then it wouldn't be `a brief history` would it?

This truly is a brief history of Central America. It is very concisely and precisely written . If one is traveling or even interested in this area of the world it gives a very excellent over view of the history of this area from pre-Columbian time until now. It adds to the understanding of what is going on in this sometime overlooked region.

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Packed with information.

I read this brief history of Central America while touring through 4 of these countries. It was very informative about past Mayan culture, but also the recent events which many of us in the US were unaware of while the civil wars raged in CA. I highly recommend it.

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