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If history is what legitimizes Christian traditions, then Celtic Christian Spirituality has much to contribute to today's world. Reclaiming this ancient wisdom provides possibilities to enrich and challenge our lives regardless of time and place differences. Can you

imagine a law being developed to protect the innocents in times of warfare, and signed by all the nations' leaders? Is it possible to live without jails, choosing instead to have transforming justice leading to reconciliation and healthy community life? Is wrongdoing an evil to be punished or a weakness which could be healed? Do Celtic saints have anything to offer us that might enrich our lives if we reclaim this ancient heritage? Was Pelagius a fearsome heretic or a great

Celtic theologian? Is the hospitality being showed around the world today to strangers in shocking grief situations with offerings of flowers and prayers a continuation or retrieval of the Celtic understanding of hospitality? Is it conceivable that the diversity offered through reclaiming our ancient heritage has simply been long forgotten - or has it been deliberately cast aside? This book discusses the ways the ancient Celts provided a beacon of light celebrating the sacredness of all creation and of their ordinary everyday living during the so-called European 'Dark Ages', bequeathing a heritage which we can reconstruct today. Reclaiming our Ancient Heritage investigates all these themes - and much more.

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Risk in Ancient Yorubalfe History, Power, and Identity, c.1300

Informed by the latest scholarship yet written for the general reader, this has been the first comprehensive study to present the arts of Africa in art historical terms. A History of Art in Africa covers all parts of the continent, including Egypt, from prehistory to the present day and includes the art of the African Diaspora. Many aspects of visual culture are given detailed consideration, including sculpture, architecture, and such quintessentially African forms as masquerades, festivals, and personal adornment. The arts of daily life, of royal ceremony, and of state cosmology receive compelling discussions. Throughout, the authors emphasize the cultural contexts in which art is

produced and imbued with meanings. Among the ancient works illustrated are masterpieces in brass, gold, ivory, stone and terracotta. Religious arts serving Islamic and Christian communities are presented, as are fascinating hybrid arts that periodically arose from African interactions with Europe, Asia and the Americas. Twentieth-century arts are explored as part of the vibrancy of modern Africa and as ingenious responses to historical change. 'Twenty-first-century African artists, and artists of the African Diaspora, are presented in the context of changing global economies and new theoretical positions. This expanded and revised second edition provides a new chapter on African artists working abroad, and five new short essays on cross-cultural

topics such as tourist arts, dating methods, and the illicit trade in archaeological artifacts. The illustrations - featuring a vast and rich array of images of artworks, archival and contemporary field photographs, explanatory drawings and plans, and individual objects displayed in museums and in use - have likewise been greatly extended, with many more pictures now shown in color.

Rise and Fall of Sanskrit (Revised Edition) Prentice Hall Press

*Includes pictures. *Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading. When the Spanish came into contact with different tribes in the Southwest, they were so intrigued by the structure of the communities that they gave the natives the name Pueblo, a term they

used to measure certain sizes for their own settlements.. Thus, while most Americans have heard of the Pueblo and Navajo, many remain unfamiliar with distinctions within the tribes. The Spaniards' interest was understandable, because the Pueblo fascinated those who came across their settlements, especially those located in desert regions and the sides of cliffs that involved the use of adobe mud, stone, carving homes out of cliffs. One such settlement, Oraibi, was created around 1100 A.D. and remains one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in North America, but the most famous of the cliff dwellings can be found at Mesa Verde, which was turned into a national park in the early 20th century, about 1500 years after the Ancient Pueblo

established the settlement. Today's Puebloan tribes are descended from tribes known as the "Ancestral Puebloan People", one of which was the Anasazi, but anthropologists believe that the Anasazi were a common ancestor of every Pueblo group, so the Ancient Pueblo are often referred to simply as the Anasazi. The name Anasazi came from their enemies; it is a Navajo word that means "enemy ancestor". While that name understandably continues to offend the descendants of the Anasazi, it also underscores that there is still a lot of uncertainty regarding the history of the Anasazi. In fact, it is still unclear what the Anasazi called themselves, and though they resided near the "Four Corners" area of Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico for more than 700

years, they mysteriously abandoned their settlements shortly after they truly began to flourish around 1050-1150 A.D. Despite the mystery surrounding the Anasazi, it's widely agreed that they occupied Mesa Verde and its unique structures for a period of nearly 700 years, beginning as early as the 7th century. Thanks to its occupants taking advantage of the surrounding geologic formations, Mesa Verde is an amazing collection of cliff dwellings, as well as houses that utilize caves and rock overhangs, and structures consisting of adobe and sandstone. Unfortunately, the natural conditions that make Mesa Verde so special also likely played a role in its abandonment, with overpopulation and drought forcing inhabitants out near the end of the 13th century. Mesa Verde:

The History of the Ancient Pueblo Settlement covers the establishment of Mesa Verde from its origins until its establishment as a national park. Along with pictures, footnotes, and a bibliography, you will learn about Mesa Verde like never before.

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BLACK HISTORY EXTRAVAGANZA honoring Dr. Ben-Jochannan is a labor of love for someone intimately associated with the master teacher for some 40 years as student, traveling companion, mentee and friend. In repayment, this effort to help acknowledge and sustain his name, life's work and historical and philosophic outlook is necessary so the younger generation know of the enormous intellectual light this

extraordinary scholar represented in those extremely challenging social and intellectual times of the last half century. As the systematic onslaught against the African (Black) personality continued, one particular scholar, lecturer, historian, publisher, archaeologist and tour guide to Egypt stood unmoved and unrelenting in defense of an entire people's history, culture and spiritual well-being. In this, Dr. Ben took on all disparaging comers as he educated and nurtured intellectual "cubs" becoming equipped to challenge historical distortion and omission manifested from the false mantle of global white supremacy. To accomplish the enormous task, Dr. Ben wrote, innovated self-publishing, lectured, and took students to museums and to Egypt pointing out

contradictions between the Existential Data and the symbolic Representation of ancient Egypt. Table of Contents, viz., Introduction; The Awesome Egyptian Temple; Who were the Ancient Egyptians;? The Archaeology of Egypt; The Art of Ancient Egypt; Architecture of Ancient Egypt; The Religion of Ancient Egypt; and the History of Egypt, Dr. Ben made a substantial impact while educating students as to the utility and benefits of studying the illustrious African past, emphasizing they accentuate the positive and reject negative aspects of that memorable experience. Like the many intellectual lights, "warrior scholars," of his age, viz., Dr. John Henrik Clarke, Ivan Van Sertima, Leonard James, Carter G. Woodson, Benjamin Carruthers, J.A. Rogers, Jitu

Weusi, Leonard Jeffries, among others, Dr. Ben subscribed to one unmistakable academic admonition pursuing excellence, "Publish or Perish." This continuum of praise (Celebrating Dr. Yosef Ben-Jochannan), Black History Extravaganza seeks a starting point for readers, young and old to delve deep and drink from the remarkable fountain represented in fields of study which engaged the great scholar for more than half-a-century.

Art and Risk in Ancient Yoruba Edwin Mellen Press

This book examines the intersection of art, risk, and creativity in early African arts from the Yoruba center of Ife. It offers a unique lens into one of Africa's most important and least understood early civilizations, one whose historic

arts have long been of interest to local residents and Westerners alike because of their tour-de-force visual power and technical complexity.

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*Includes pictures *Includes excerpts of the Popol Vuh *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading Many ancient civilizations have influenced and inspired people in the 21st century. The Greeks and Romans continue to fascinate the West today. But of all the world's civilizations, none have intrigued people more than the Mayans, whose culture, astronomy, language, and mysterious disappearance all continue to captivate people. In 2012 especially, there was a renewed focus on the Mayans, whose advanced calendar led many to speculate the world would

end on the same date the Mayan calendar ends. The focus on the "doomsday" scenario, however, overshadowed the Mayans' true contribution to astronomy, language, sports, and art. Unlike most of the world's sacred books - the Quran, the Bible or the I-Ching for example - nobody knows the universal name, if there ever was one, for the Maya's collection of myths. Instead, the title that has been passed down, the "Popol Vuh," appears to be the specific title given to a particular copy of these tales. Its meaning, roughly translated as the Council Book, refers to the special role of this text: it was the shared property of the council of lords that ruled the Quich[◆] kingdom and was apparently regularly consulted by that body for

advice to guide their rule. However, in the opening sections, the scribes who penned the text also give it several other names, including "the Light That Came from Beside the Sea," "Our Place in the Shadows" and "The Dawn of Life" (pg 63). All of these names were originally in K'ichean Maya, the language spoken by the Maya of the Quich[◆] Kingdom and its neighboring regions. The first of these names refers to a pilgrimage by the second generation of Quich[◆] lords in Part V to the Yucatan coast to acquire a copy of at least a portion of the original text. The second refers to Part IV, the period before the first Dawn (the "Shadows") when the ancestral Quich[◆] earned their particular right to rule. The final name refers to Part I, when the first gods created all of the various parts of

life. This multiplicity of names and titles for sacred works is not uncommon, and perhaps comparable to the Bible being referred to as "the Good Book" or (in reference to the New Testament) "the Good News" or the "Gospel." The name Popol Vuh is itself controversial as the original text actually spells the name three different ways: "Popol Vuh", of course, but also "Pop Wuj" and "Popol Wuj." In general, the most correct form in contemporary Quiche spelling is probably "Popol Wuj", but as the text is best known in English with the word "Vuh", this convention will be maintained here (Eenriik 2014). There are a number of translations and editions of the Popol Vuh, which vary considerably in quality. Many early editions were not informed by the latest scholarship in Maya

linguistics and sometimes the ways they translate names in particular can vary. This text will use the Second Edition (1996), translated by Dennis Tedlock and published by Simon and Schuster, for all of its quotations and page citations. The Popol Vuh: The History and Legacy of the Maya's Creation Myth and Epic Legends examines what's contained within and how the Popol Vuh survived to the present day. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Popol Vuh like never before.

He Walks with Dragons Sumon Publishers

In this book, Suzanne Preston Blier examines the intersection of art, risk and creativity in early African arts from the Yoruba center of Ife and the striking

ways that ancient Ife artworks inform society, politics, history and religion. Yoruba art offers a unique lens into one of Africa's most important and least understood early civilizations, one whose historic arts have long been of interest to local residents and Westerners alike because of their tour-de-force visual power and technical complexity. Among the complementary subjects explored are questions of art making, art viewing and aesthetics in the famed ancient Nigerian city-state, as well as the attendant risks and danger assumed by artists, patrons and viewers alike in certain forms of subject matter and modes of portrayal, including unique genres of body marking, portraiture, animal symbolism and regalia. This volume celebrates art, history and the

shared passion and skill with which the remarkable artists of early Ife sought to define their past for generations of viewers.

[Chamorro Designs: An Adult Coloring Book](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The Nature of Risk is a short, beautifully illustrated and easy-to-understand book written to help readers face one of modern life's most important and difficult tasks—confronting risk. Free of complicated theories or formulas, The Nature of Risk relies instead on a simple story featuring a cast of familiar, forest-dwelling animals, each of which embodies a different approach to risk management. At least one of these approaches will seem familiar to every reader—whether they knew they had an

approach to risk management or not. Then, as the story unfolds, the strengths and weaknesses of each approach will be revealed through a series of "natural" tests. Finally, at the conclusion of the story, readers will come to a short review section designed to help them frame their first attempts at managing risk—with or without professional help.

[Ife Art in Ancient Nigeria](#) Cambridge University Press

Sanskrit - the only preserved and the most ancient of all languages, generally proclaimed as language of the gods. According to Indian tradition, Sanskrit has neither beginning nor an end. It is eternal. It is everlasting. Historically, the Sanskrit was adopted, developed and refined by the invading Aryans in the Indus Valley, during 1500 BC. Sanskrit

survived as the language of religion, literature and Hindu philosophy for over 3,357 years, dating from about 1500 BC to a close AD 1857. The term Aryans, Indo-Europeans and Indo-European Languages ? frequently used by historians is misleading; it is not correct that the Aryans or the Indo-Europeans were part of a great civilized nation. Aryan is a term that refers to migrants who settled in the Indus Valley; they were a mixed people; wanderers, criminals, mercenaries from the areas now known as Afghanistan, Iran, the tribal areas of Pakistan and Central Asia down to the Caspian Sea. In modern terms they can be identified as Pashtun, Tajik, Uzbek, Hazara, Kamboja, Yusufzai, Afridi, Khilji and the other Turkic tribes. The present-day Talibans and most of

the people affiliated with Al-Qaeda are also the descendants of the Aryans.

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*Describes the different classes of Roman gladiators and the armor and weaponry they used. *Describes gladiatorial combat and the myths and misconceptions about the fight.

*Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading. "He vows to endure to be burned, to be bound, to be beaten, and to be killed by the sword." - The gladiator's oath, according to Petronius in the Satyricon. Gladiators are somewhat synonymous with ancient Rome, and even thousands of years after

they performed on the sands, when people are asked about Roman culture, many think about and refer to the bloody spectacles of men fighting to the death in the arena. Gladiatorial combat is often regarded as barbaric, and most find it very difficult to comprehend how people could have enjoyed watching something so violent, but nevertheless, the spectacle still intrigues and fascinates people today, whether in movies like Gladiator or television shows about Spartacus. Gladiatorial combat traces its origins back to the early Republican period from the 5th-3rd century B.C., but it's still unclear where these combats first appeared. Credit has been given to both the Etruscans in northern Italy and the Campanians in southern Italy, though the first recorded gladiatorial

combat occurred in the 3rd century B.C. at the funeral of D. Junius Brutus Pera. His sons organized a combat between three different pairs of gladiators who fought at their father's grave, but exactly what these first gladiatorial combats were supposed to represent remains unclear. Some believe that the spilling of human blood was a way of offering a sacrifice to the dead, while others suggest that the contests themselves were a funeral offering in honor of the dead. Gladiatorial combat began in the Republican period and was associated with death and burial, but due to its popularity it became an organized form of entertainment in the Imperial Age, and even as the gladiators were considered low class, they were also admired, leading to some Roman

men and women volunteering to become gladiators. Whatever the original role of gladiatorial combats, they thrilled Roman audiences for many centuries. Each match usually pitted one type of gladiator against a different type of gladiator, with each having their own kind of armor, weaponry and fighting style. For example, the retiarius was a gladiator that used a net, dagger and trident as his offensive weapons, while only wearing a protective guard over his left arm for protection. The retiarius would typically fight against the secutor, a gladiator armed with a sword, large shield, helmet and protective covering on his right arm and left leg. Therefore, a retiarius sacrificed armor for quickness in battle, while the secutor did the opposite. Although people often think of

gladiators fighting to the death, the outcome of gladiatorial combats was not always fatal for one of the participants. If a gladiator fought well, the sponsor of the show could spare him, particularly if the crowd desired it. The fact that the outcome of matches was never the same and the crowd could help determine the result of the match certainly added to the Roman public's pleasure, making it a lot less surprising that such an abhorrent spectacle still fascinated the modern world. *The Roman Gladiators: The History and Legacy of Ancient Rome's Most Famous Warriors* examines the history of the gladiators and the games they participated in, explaining what life and death was like for the men who fought in Rome's most famous form of entertainment. Along with pictures

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The True Stories Behind the Discovery of Egypt's Greatest Monuments

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Temples were important structures in any civilization and the ancient Egyptians were of no exception. How the temples were created, when they were created and who wanted them created hold important clues on the belief systems and religion dominated during that time. In this book, we'll be visiting the famous temples of Ancient Egypt. Grab a copy today!

In Historical Perspective Mystic Dragon Publishing

When bad boy movie star Gage Maddox

thinks his starlet girlfriend has cheated on him this alpha male wants pretty much everyone's head on a platter. He heads home to his family's estate to regroup and put his plans in action. But what happens when information comes to light that may prove her innocence? What would the hotshot leading man do to get even with the people who tried to destroy the one thing that means everything to him?

Tika Createspace Independent Pub African Renaissance: Old Forms, New images in Yoruba Art describes, analyzes, and interprets the historical and cultural contexts of an African art renaissance using the twentieth- and twenty-first-century transformation of ancient Yoruba artistic heritage. Juxtaposing ancient and contemporary

Yoruba art, Okediji defines this art history through the lens of colonialism, an experience that served to both destroy ancient art traditions and revive Yoruba art in the twentieth century. With vivid reproductions of paintings, prints, and drawings, Okediji describes how Yoruba art has replenished and redefined itself. Okediji groups the text into several broadly overlapping periods that intricately detail the journey of Yoruba art and artists: first through oppression by European colonialism, then the attainment of Nigeria's independence and the new nation's subsequent military coup, and ending with present-day native Yoruban artists fleeing their homeland. Based upon extensive interviews with the artists and critical readings of the existing literature

on contemporary Yoruba art, African Renaissance: Old Forms, New Images in Yoruba Art will appeal to the art historian and art collector and serve as a wonderful introduction to the canon of Yoruba art for the general reader.

The Courageous Story of Art Hilmo
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Are you ready for a challenge? This book presents 35 intricate coloring pages for adults, each printed on one side of the page. Each design began as a hand-drawn flight of fancy inspired by henna artwork, 1960s and 70s pop art, and whimsical swirls of imagination.

New Forms, Old Images in Yoruba Art
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*Explains how Athens and Sparta mastered warfare on land and sea,

including the use of hoplites and triremes. *Discusses the lives and legacies of famous Athenians and Spartans, including Leonidas, Lycurgus, Plato, Pericles, and more. *Includes Pericles' Funeral Oration from the Peloponnesian War. *Explains the political systems used by Athens and Sparta and their unique cultures. *Includes pictures of Athens and Sparta, as well as depictions of important people, places, and events. *Includes a Bibliography for further reading. "What I would prefer is that you should fix your eyes every day on the greatness of Athens as she really is, and should fall in love with her. When you realize her greatness, then reflect that what made her great was men with a spirit of adventure, men who knew their duty,

men who were ashamed to fall below a certain standard." - The Funeral Oration of Pericles, quoted by Thucydides "The walls of Sparta were its young men, and its borders the points of their spears." - attributed to King Agesilaos For 2500 years, the Ancient Greeks have fascinated the West, who look to Greece as the creators of Western culture. Indeed, the Greeks revolutionized warfare, art, architecture, government, philosophy, and more. Of all the Greeks' accomplishments, many can be credited to the two most famous city-states of all: Athens and Sparta. The most unique city-state in Ancient Greece was Sparta, which continues to fascinate contemporaneous society. It is not entirely clear why Sparta placed such a great emphasis on having a militaristic

society, but the result was that military fitness was a preoccupation from birth. If a Spartan baby did not appear physically fit at birth, it was left to die. Spartan children underwent military training around the age of 7 years old, and every male had to join the army around the age of 18. The Spartans, whose carefully constructed approach to warfare and - there is no other word for it - Spartan way of life, earned the grudging admiration of all of Greece and succeeded in establishing themselves in the years following the reforms of the semi-legendary ruler Lycurgus as the greatest military force in all of Hellas. Athens might have the mightiest fleet and the greatest cadre of philosophers and dramatists, Thessaly might have had the most vaunted cavalry, and the

great city-states of Argos, Thebes and Corinth all had their own claims to fame, but on the battlefield the Spartan phalanx stood without peer. Athens was a military force in its own right, but it's chiefly remembered for its political system, which would in time form the nucleus of all Western democratic systems of government, and the remarkable number of outstanding individuals who lived and flourished in the enlightened city-state. The Ancient Athenians formed the backbone of the West's entire culture, from the arts to philosophy and everything inbetween. In the field of medicine, the great physician Hippocrates not only advanced the practical knowledge of human anatomy and care-giving but changed the entire face of the medical profession. The great

philosophers of Athens revolutionized the way men thought about reason, logic, rhetoric, politics, and good and evil. Great architects and sculptors such as Phidias produced works of art of such breathtaking realism and startling dynamism that they later formed the driving force behind the resurgence of sculpture during the Renaissance. And this does not take into account the host of equally brilliant mathematicians, natural philosophers, historians, astronomers and politicians that the city's great schools nurtured and produced. Athens & Sparta comprehensively covers the history and culture of the famous Greek city-states, looking at their cultural, political, and military past, and examining all their accomplishments. You will learn about

Athens and Sparta like you never have before.

Cambridge University Press
Lesley & Patrick Francis are gifted Australian artists who are launching their careers as a poet & visual artist respectively. This book is the first in a series of absolutely outstanding literary accomplishments wherein we witness young Lesley's intuitive interpretation of her brother's exemplary artwork. Patrick struggles with autism & limited communication, so expresses himself through his impressive paintings & stirring lino-prints. They have exhibited their work globally & are universally acclaimed for their talent & ability, having won numerous awards & been featured on the web & in news articles frequently. "Patrick Francis ...this guy is

fantastic as he takes on the greats: Munch, Raphael, DaVinci among others. I am nuts about these works." - Peter Fay on works submitted for Out of the Blue Exhibition, Sheffer Gallery, NSW. Fay describes the work chosen for this exhibition as "pretty edgy" & includes work by artists who are "...really prepared to push through to make work that is often difficult to put into any fixed category" - May 2012 [http://peterfaygalleries.com/blog/out-of-the-blue-New Acquisitions from Arts Project Australia](http://peterfaygalleries.com/blog/out-of-the-blue-New-Acquisitions-from-Arts-Project-Australia)! April 13, 2012 by Ecovantage We are a little excited to be able to show you a sneak peak of our latest paintings from Arts Project Australia. The following three paintings are from Patrick Francis, a very talented 20 year old, who clearly has an eye for

colour! What do you think?<https://ecovantage.wordpress.com/tag/patrick-francis/>Patrick's paintings in the Boardroom of Ecovantage displayed on this webpage, inviting comment. Special Olympics Australia writes: Posted on 19 Dec 10 at 09:57am "It's great to see our athletes getting creative. Thanks for sharing, very talented work Patrick! Would love to see more of your work..."<http://northcote-leader.wherelive.com.au/your-news/story/an-artist-and-an-athlete/>"..Patrick Francis has work in several private collections & will be a featured artist for Arts Project Australia in the Melbourne Art Fair at the Royal Exhibition Building in August 2012. His creative expression through art will provide him with lifelong learning & involvement in a challenging &

rewarding activity."Sim Luttin - Gallery & Exhibitions Manager Arts Project Australia <http://www.artsproject.org.au/works/6550/Francis%2C%20Patrick>This publication is my first foray into the written word & it has been an exciting development to say the least. Working with my brother on this project has been a very enlightening & exhilarating experience, sealing our bond & bringing us closer for sure. Patrick's unbelievable talent & utmost dedication in everything he does, has inspired me to work diligently towards my goals & to "live my dreams". Despite his difficult daily struggles with autism & continuous communication issues, he relentlessly pushes the boundaries every day, determined to beat the odds & always be a winner. Enjoy!Lesley

Franciswww.facebook.com/AbsolutelyAwetisticArtsLesley's perceptive elucidation of these paintings, in the form of poems, is much appreciated. Without her instinctive analysis & explicit explanation of all the pictures, this book would have been impossible to produce - for that I will always be extremely grateful. Also - Thank You to all the staff at Arts Project Australia who have guided me through my exciting artistic adventure with immense patience & understanding. The artwork in this compilation have been specifically chosen to lighten the spirits & improve the mood of the readers. We hope that you will enjoy the journey as much as we did - selecting, producing & publishing it for you. Happy Viewing!Patrick Francis-Patrick has featured in numerous

newspaper articles for excellence as an artist and athlete.-Has webpage "Absolutely Awetistic" and "Absolutely Awetistic Arts" promoting global awareness on autism & intellectual disability.

The Art of Lorenz Frølich Speedy Publishing LLC

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*Includes pictures *Includes theories and explanations regarding the structures

*Includes online resources for further reading "Ten years from now nobody will remember my critics, and a million people will come to see what we have done." - Semir Osmanagich There are

hundreds of pyramid-shaped hills distributed in and around central Bosnia and Herzegovina, yet one in particular has achieved worldwide attention over the last decade. Found in the small town of Visoko, located about thirty kilometres northwest from Sarajevo, the hill is the tallest point in a landscape of tremendous historical importance for the country. The region has been occupied from prehistoric times. Rich in natural resources, the area was extensively quarried for metal ore and stone over many periods. In the medieval period (twelfth to fifteenth centuries CE), this area became the centre of the Kingdom of Bosnia. It was here that the first king of Bosnia, Tvrtko I, was crowned in 1377 CE. During this time the large hill became known as Visocica, and a

fortress was constructed upon its summit. From 1463, the Ottomans controlled them, and under their rule, many towns were founded, including Visoko which experienced a surge of economic development and cultural activity and became one of the richest towns in Bosnia. The town was of key importance in Bosnia's modern history, serving as a stronghold for Bosniak forces during conflict in the 1990s. However, it is not for these reasons that the hill of Visocica is so well-known today. Instead, the focus of attention has been on the controversial claim that it is the largest and oldest man-made pyramid to be found, not only in Europe, but the world. Since 2005, the Bosnian-born American businessman and self-proclaimed archaeologist Semir

Osmanagich has promoted a controversial narrative of how-and why-the hill exists. He maintains that Visocica is not a natural feature, but was made by an ancient Bosniak civilization during the last Ice Age, between ten and twelve thousand years ago. Its substructure is allegedly filled with an intricate network of passageways that connect it to other structures in the surrounding landscape built during the same time. If true, the scale of these "pyramids" would have required the largest construction works to have ever been performed in prehistory. But this theory has been fiercely criticized by archaeologists, geologists, pyramid experts, journalists, and countless other academics and non-academics. Many scientific specialists and laypersons have gone to Visoko to

see the site with their own eyes, and reported that there is little evidence to suggest the validity of Semir's claims. Furthermore, some of the claims made of the pyramid are borderline science fiction, featuring everything from aliens to the mythical civilization of Atlantis. Through the use of popular and journalistic media, rather than academic channels, Mr. Osmanagich has garnered the attention of many hundreds of volunteers that come to Visoko each year. Conflicting accounts testify to what takes place. Is legitimate archaeology being carried out, or the creation of a money-making theme park for tourists? Can the Bosnian pyramid be considered genuine, or is this but one example of widespread and pseudoscientific "pyramid-mania" that occurs across the

globe? Why do people believe in the fantastic stories woven around the Pyramid of the Sun, and why is the academic community so critical of this phenomenon? And who, exactly, is Semir Osmanagich, without whom this story would not exist? *The Ancient Bosnian Pyramids: The History and Mystery Over the Controversial Pyramids in Bosnia and Herzegovina* chronicles the theories and debates over the landmarks. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Bosnian pyramids like never before.

The History of the Ancient Maya's Famous Capital University of Chicago Press
Jacket.

Ancient and Classic Art of China
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Art Hilmo was a teenage boy in Norway when the Nazis invaded and began to take the Jewish families to concentration camps. Knowing their lives were at stake, Art's family decided they would risk everything to help these poor Jewish people.

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