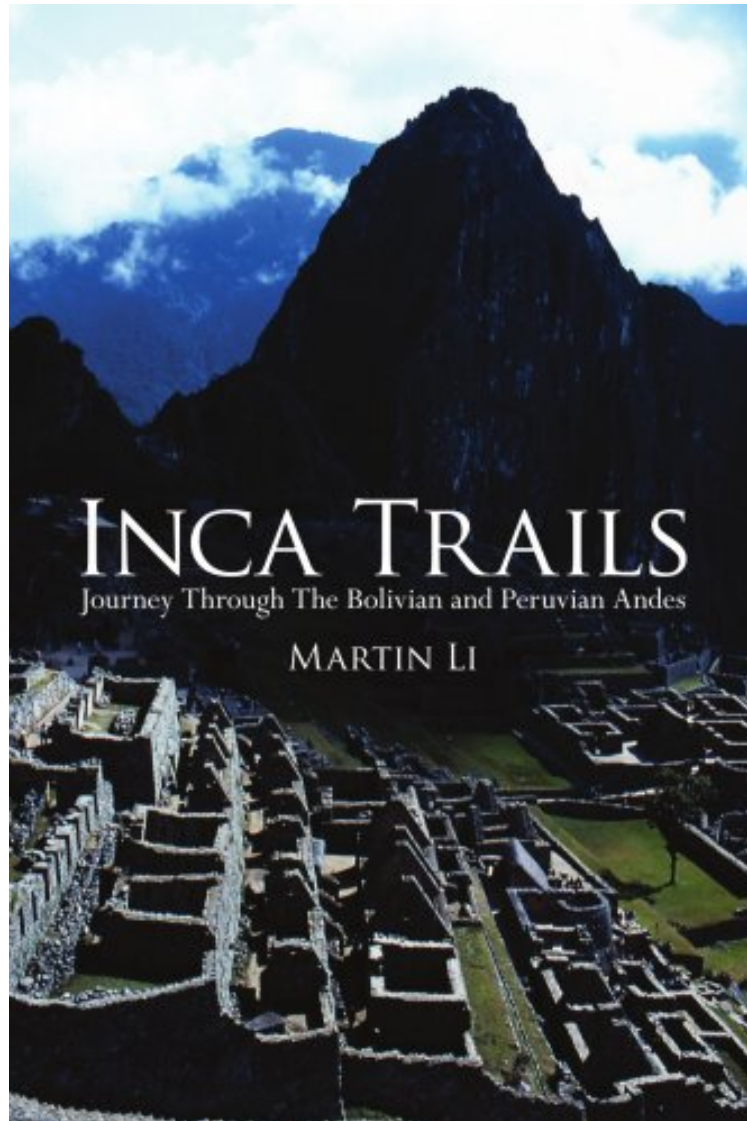


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Imagine taking a wondrous journey through the remote, rugged and beautiful wilderness of the Bolivian and Peruvian Andes. Imagine further that during your journey, you discover the gripping, poignant story of the rise and fall of the Inca empire. The Incas were the last great pre-Columbian civilisation to evolve in South America. Believing themselves the chosen people of the Sun God, they forged a vast empire that spanned the length of the Andes. Yet, at the height of their power, the all-conquering Incas themselves fell prey to a tiny band of Spanish invaders. Where did the Incas come from and what is the truth behind the many myths surrounding their meteoric rise and dramatic downfall? Join the author on a breathtaking voyage to find out. From the Incas' mythical birthplace in Lake Titicaca, journey across awe-inspiring Andean ranges to the empire's majestic pinnacle at Cuzco and Machu Picchu, and beyond to the scene of the Incas' final stand in the jungle-choked forests of Vilcabamba. Breathe in the clean, crisp air of the snow-capped Andes. Feel the tingling spiritual stillness of Lake Titicaca. Marvel as shooting stars streak across the Andean sky. Wonder at glorious Inca cities such as Machu Picchu, Pisac, Ollantaytambo and Choquequirao, and the beautiful colonial architecture of Cuzco. Woven throughout the tale of the journey is the gripping, poignant story of the rise and fall of the glittering, but short-lived, Inca empire. Discover the truth about the Incas and their fascinating culture and beliefs. Witness the bloody but daring Spanish Conquest and the doomed Inca attempts to repel the Conquistadores. Virtually the entire journey is a breathtaking palette of spectacular landscapes, historical resonance and vibrant culture that never fails to thrill and inspire. As you read, a deep sense of wonder cannot fail to awaken within you.

About the Author MARTIN LI is a writer and photographer who earlier studied physics at Cambridge. A keen skier, horserider and trekker, he has a passion for exploring the adventure and culture of the world's great mountain regions, especially the Himalayas, Alps and, above all, the Andean countries of South America. In 2000, he spent four months writing for The Bolivian Times in La Paz, covering diverse subjects ranging from privatisation and the Bolivian stockmarket to cock fighting. Martin won the 2005 Wilderness Award for this expedition, and has subsequently given several lectures on the journey. More light heartedly, he was a member of the triumphant "Explorers" team which won the "Test the Nation - Know Your Planet" show broadcast on BBC1 in May 2006. Martin's other adventures have included riding a horse across the Namib Desert, trekking to Bhutan's most sacred summit, close encounters with black bears in Alaska and rafting the thundering rapids of Panama's Rio Chiriqui. Martin is the author of Adventure Guide to Scotland and contributed to V!VA List Latin America. He lives in London and is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.