



South American Problems (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from South American Problems This ancient pre-inca civilization disappeared centuries before the discovery of America. Its remains, however, were scattered over the whole Andean plateau and on this base of an ancient culture, not entirely lost in its effects, although its remembrance had disappeared from the memory of men, a new era of splendor easily revived under the dominion of the Incas.1 Prescott's History of the Conquest of Peru presents the classic picture of the Inca civilization, but it is hard to separate fact from fable in the authorities on which all such accounts must be based. The Incas had no written language or literature, and while there exist ancient chronicles written by some of the conquerors and missionaries it is impossible to place absolute confidence in these narratives. 2 So that the real character of the empire of the Incas and the conditions of the South American people at the time of the Spanish conquest are but uncertainly known to us. It seems clear, however, that there was a widespread, socialistic, theocratic civilization organized and...

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