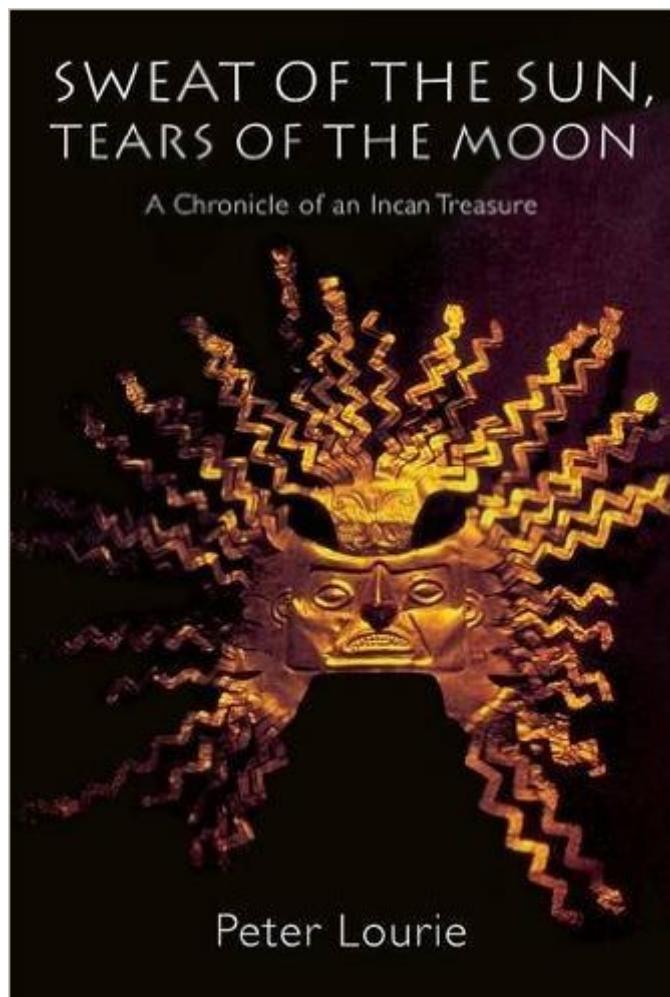


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Synopsis

Eight billion dollarsâ™ worth of Inca gold and silver are rumored to be hidden in an unmapped region of the Andes. This is the captivating story of that fabled treasure and the centuries-old spell it has cast on many, including a young American student, Peter Lourie. While completing anthropological fieldwork in Ecuador, Lourie heard the legend of Atahualpaâ™s ransom. The Incas gathered seven-hundred tons of gold (Sweat of the Sun) and silver (Tears of the Moon) to purchase the freedom of their king, Atahualpa, from Pizarro and his conquistadors. After the Inca rulerâ™s murder, the treasure vanished into the forsaken Llanganati range of the Andes. Lourie abandoned his graduate school ambitions to search for Atahualpaâ™s ransom. His quest for clues and his journey into the heart of the Andes is an absorbing and exciting detective story. Lourieâ™s account is also unforgettable for its revelations about the lives and characters of seasoned treasure hunters, the obsessed few lured by the siren song of legendary gold.

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Customer Reviews

I first read *Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon* in the original Atheneum hardcover. What a fine book! It's not your usual treasure-hunt adventure, but a sensitive portrayal of South American culture and dreams. Well, it's also a treasure hunt, and you can't believe Lourie lived through it all to tell the tale. I'm so happy to see it in paperback A really fine book by a fine author. His young-adult books are extraordinary as well. But this one's a must for any reader interested in the Andes, in treasure hunting, in the human soul in darkest peril. Five stars all the way. This is one of those books you keep thinking about for years.

This was a great story of the possibility that vast wealth in gold and silver are still hidden in the Andes. The various documents and treasure hunters that the author unearthed and befriended made for a ripping yarn. His own expedition to the treacherous landscape where the treasure is supposedly hidden was a real adventure. He cared about the people he wrote about and the reader will too. Loved this book!

I was enthralled by this book, it is excellently written and gives the reader a true feeling of what it is like to have "Gold Fever". I have recently finished the book but I am reading it again because it is that good! It is also extremely educational, I knew nothing about the Incas until I read *Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon*. I am now longing to take a trip to the Llanganatis mountains, not in search of treasure, more on a pilgrimage than anything else.

I greatly enjoyed this book! It's not only an exciting book but, may I say, an educational & inspiring one as well. It's the type of reading that once finished, makes you want to put down the mobile device/laptop, throw your boots on, and get out there & explore this great big planet we call Earth! What makes it worth while isn't just the story itself (a firsthand account, mind you), but the fact that Mr. Lourie offers up quite a bit of detail in regards to the back-story of not just the treasure, but the Incan people as well. I highly recommend this book; it speaks to the "Indiana Jones wannabe/Adventurer-in-waiting" in all of us.

I recently received this book as a gift after it was discovered that I, too, have an insatiable proclivity for "treasure hunting", albeit to a much lesser degree than that of the main characters. I immediately took to the style of Mr. Lourie's writing and his incredible ability to capture and relate detail, whether it be his thoughts or the Ecuadorian landscape. I found it easy to lose myself in Quito or to imagine the hellish terrain along the route to Cerro Hermoso; but then the author reminds me of the absolute remoteness associated with the pilgrimage and I wonder if I would have had his courage. For the moment, I am content living vicariously through his words and his stories. I feel lucky that he did what he did, when he did it, and had the guts to follow through. I wonder if he witnessed the tail end of this fraternity of true and genuine hunters of Atahualpa's treasure! Then again, perhaps he's infected one more!

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