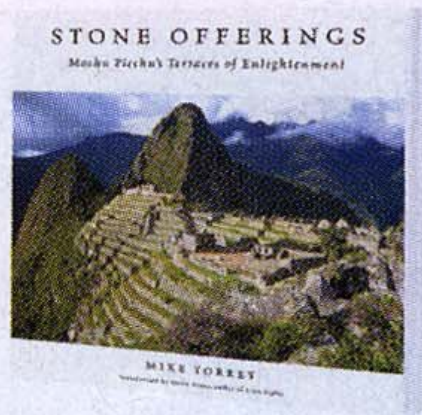


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Stone Offerings **Machu Picchu's Terraces** **of Enlightenment** **(Lightpoint Press)** **Mike Torrey**



Built 8,000 feet high in the Andes, Machu Picchu was created in the 1450s as an impenetrable refuge. It was home to the

Inca aristocracy, who once ruled 3.5 million to 7 million subjects in an empire that stretched 2,500 miles. Torrey's amazing photographs capture the site purely as an architectural phenomenon without the intrusion of tourists in a place of natural and mystic wonder, which

Peruvian author Maria Arana describes in the book's introduction. Torrey's family had a second home in Newport Beach, where his mother still lives. Impressive for travel, photography, and history buffs.

Mike Torrey
will sign copies
at Border's in South
Coast Plaza at
7 p.m. Nov. 6.