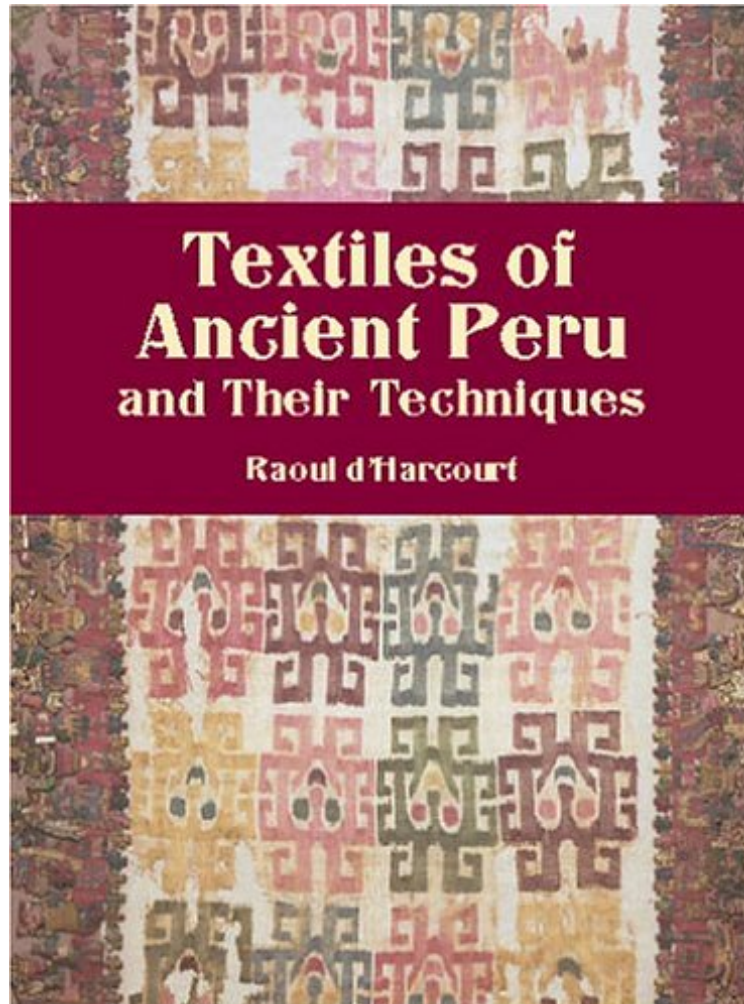


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production, and the way the garments or artifacts were constructed and decorated, had great religious and social significance, and the methods used were/are anything but primitive, although most looms consist of a bundle of sticks. There is nothing on basic weaving techniques as such; this is not an instruction book on how to do backstrap weaving, but is a must have for anyone interested in taking their weaving beyond the basics, and understanding what the loom is really capable of. Multi-shaft loom weavers will also find it interesting as many of the techniques described bear a striking resemblance to techniques practiced today around the world in other weaving cultures. It is helpful in re-interpreting these techniques for the modern loom. As someone who is studying backstrap weaving techniques, I would not be without this book as it is good to go back to see, study and understand the diagrams, photographs and descriptions of the textiles the author examined. An excellent resource for those interested in Pre-Columbian textiles and weaving traditions. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very complete description of ancient textile techniques By Francisco de Agueda The book shows the different textile works of ancient Peru peoples, and brings the reader to all the extreme complexity and ingenuity they had to use to bring about these extraordinary peices of art. Detailed description of the techniques used to construct the textiles is sometimes mind-boggling. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Old but New By bettyd Excellent needlework projects-- useful for many projects.

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