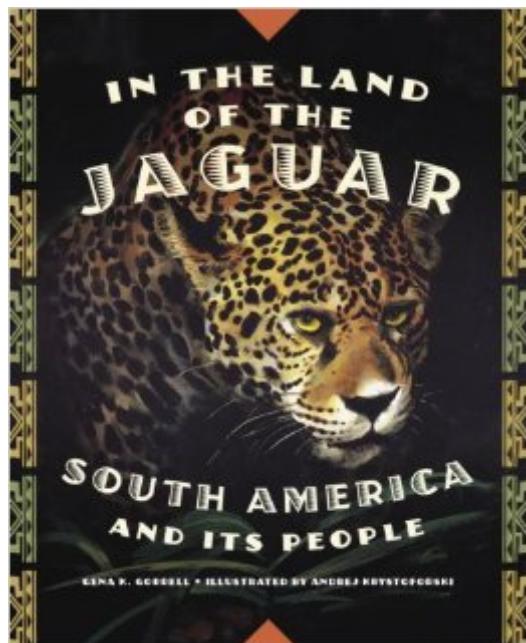


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# In The Land Of The Jaguar: South America And Its People



## Synopsis

South America's story is as varied as its geography of soaring mountains, scorching deserts, and lush rainforests. In Ecuador alone, there are 25,000 kinds of plants, 1,500 species of birds, 4,500 different butterflies, and 300 mammals! Gena K. Gorrell's brilliant text combines an often tragic history with the problems and triumphs of the present. The information she offers ranges from *the Requirement* (a document read out by the conquistadors each time they came upon a new group of indigenous people to justify their actions) to drug cartels, from the hidden and secretive Elders (a civilization that retreated to the mountains to preserve its customs and now considers itself the *guardian of the world*) to Gabriel García Márquez. Replete with Andrej Krystoforski's vibrant illustrations, maps, an index, and bibliography, *In the Land of the Jaguar: South America and Its People* is a fascinating, colorful journey of exploration and discovery.

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*In the Land of the Jaguar: South America and Its People* is an amazing tour of the history, geography, people, and culture of South America for young adult readers. Featuring colorful art by award-winning illustrator Andrej Krystoforski on almost every page, *In the Land of the Jaguar* is divided an introductory chapter plus eleven more chapters each devoted to a different South American nation, from Argentina to Venezuela. Written in a tone that is reader-friendly without being patronizing, *In the Land of the Jaguar* is a welcome educational addition to grade school and

children's libraries. Highly recommended.

Photos are beautiful.....and the narration makes me want to go to South America to see all these fascinating places. I bought this for a student who likes non-fiction and has to read a book about Latin America. This 8th grader describes herself as someone who doesn't like to read, and even she has enjoyed it.

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