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### **Editorial Review**

#### Review

Only significant account done of Yucatan In post-Conquest era. Describes geography and natural history of the peninsula, gives brief history of Mayan life, discusses Spanish conquest and its effects and provides a long summary of Maya civilization.

#### Language Notes

Text: English, Spanish (translation)

#### About the Author

Diego de Landa (Cifuentes, 1524-Yucatán, 1579). Española. Ingresó en el monasterio de San Juan de los Reyes de Toledo a los diecisiete años y fue uno de los primeros frailes franciscanos que viajó a Yucatán para evangelizar a los mayas. Durante su primera etapa en el Nuevo mundo incineró numerosos documentos de la antigua civilización maya. Tuvo que responder ante sus superiores de algunos desafueros.

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