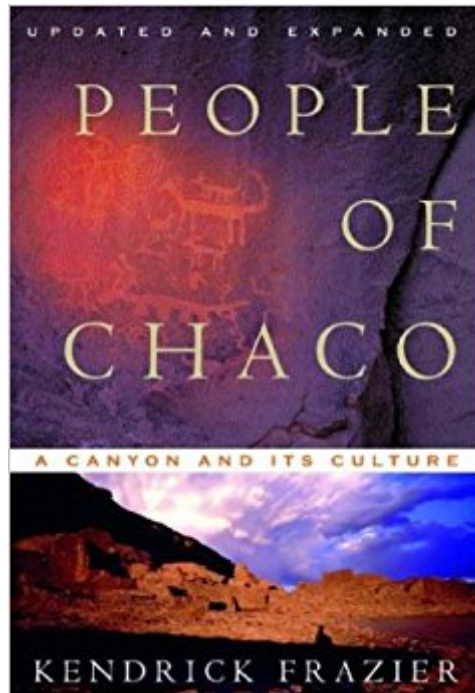




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Synopsis

"[W]ritten in the best tradition of the science writer and the mystery writer. . . . [A] breathtaking piece of work." — Jake Page, Washington Times In northwestern New Mexico's Chaco Canyon lies a spectacular array of ruins. Like Stonehenge, they are both a monument to our pre-history and a cryptic puzzle. We know that in Chaco Canyon, one thousand years ago, there arose among the Pueblo people a great and culturally sophisticated civilization. But many questions remain: Just what function did Chaco Canyon fulfill? How great was its extent and influence? Why did its culture collapse? First published in 1986 and now updated with the latest archaeological and anthropological evidence, *People of Chaco* is an essential book for the general reader on the Chaco culture and ruins. With grace and erudition, Kendrick Frazier scours the canyon for clues about its unique cultural system, confirms its importance to archaeology, and saves this vital American narrative from the oblivion of history. Illustrations, maps and plans

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"Kendrick Frazier has combined scientific and ethnographic data with Native American oral history to develop a concise account of this national monument." — Los Angeles Times Book Review
"By-the-fireside archaeology at its best." — Paul Craig, Sacramento Bee

Kendrick Frazier, the author of several books and the former editor of *Science News*, lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The "People of Chaco" is about the people (white man) who found the ruins, and the subsequent history of people who excavated, catalogued, and established the archeology. It is more about the history of the establishment of protection policies than of the people who lived here, built here, died here, socialized here...and their migration into other clans and tribes of the southwest, when the Chaco culture started to fail. This book was published in the mid-late '80's, and it is interesting to note that there have been a lot of turnarounds in thoughts, attitudes, and deductions in later published books. Later books, however, are almost too stiff, in their efforts to be more "politically correct" in their verbage and descriptions. Also, lots has happened since 1989.

I'm not technical, so I feared the book would bury me in facts/figures; however, it was entrancing! It was on the reading list for a trip thru RoadScholar.org, so I wanted some background before my trip. This is a good companion piece with other books I have read about the Anasazi. Thank you, Mr. Frazier.

An excellent book for background and information about the amazing Chaco area. Highly recommend!

This book is well written, easy to read and understand. It is full of information and ideas about the Chaco Culture. I would recommend this book to others who are interested in prehistoric and historic Indian cultures, especially Southwest Culture.

For anyone interested in Chaco--or in 'Anasazi' culture in general--this is a great read. It is highly accessible to the lay reader, compiling the current theories, arguments and evidence in a way that is quite enjoyable. The overview of the historical development of research in the region is excellent. A 'must' for anyone interested in southwestern archaeology.

Interesting read on a lost culture.

This book came in great condition and is a nice resource. Provides a good overview of the Chacoan culture without being overly technical.

If you will be visiting, these books are great information!

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