

***Archaeology in Biologia Centrali-Americana or Contributions to the Knowledge of the Fauna and Flora of Mexico and Central America*, by Alfred Maudslay, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. ISBN: 0-8061-9919-9, \$250.00, Four Volumes, Publication Date: February 1983.**

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The University of Oklahoma Press has done an extreme service to those interested in the history of Mesoamerican archaeology. It has published the original 1902 pioneering work of Alfred Maudslay in four volumes. The reissue of Maudslay's classic contains more than 390 pages of black and white plates and line drawings in addition to Maudslay's original text, notes, and archaic calendars. This facsimile edition is Alfred Percival Maudslay's monumental study of Mayan civilization which has been lauded by many Mayanists around the world.

Maudslay was an honorary professor at the University of Mexico City and the National Museum of Mexico. He received honorary doctor of sciences degrees in Mexican and Maya archaeology from both Oxford and Cambridge universities. He also received the Rivers Memorial Medal from the Royal Anthropological Institute.

The University of Oklahoma Press has produced a superior product in its facsimile reproduction of Maudslay's classic. Two of the volumes containing Maudslay's art work are large size books but their size enhances the reproductive quality of Maudslay's drawings so that the reader has a quality product to study. The Press has also faithfully reproduced all of Maudslay's text and notes of his classic study.

I would recommend this volume set to anyone wishing to finally own Maudslay's classic effort and to anyone interested in the history of Maya and Mexican archaeology. It would be a welcome addition to one's library and maybe, in time, the only chance to acquire this very important resource.

VI. Activities of Various Academic Gatherings Related to the History of Archaeology

On Thursday afternoon, November 29, 2001, numerous archaeologists and anthropologists gathered at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, in Washington, D.C., for an invited symposium entitled "One Hundred Years of Southwestern Archaeology: The Transformation of a Discipline", organized by Linda Cordell and Don Fowler. The abstracts presented below elucidate the nature, scope, and depth of this exciting session. The resulting volume of papers is out for review with the University of Arizona Press and will hopefully be published in the very near future.