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Masson, Marilyn A. ~~Kukulcan's realm~~ **urban life at ancient Mayapán**, by Marilyn A. Masson and Carlos Peraza Lope. University Press of Colorado, 2014. 651p bibl index afp ISBN 9781607323198, \$85.00; ISBN 9781607323204 ebook, \$68.00.

Masson (SUNY Albany) and Peraza Lope (Instituto Nacional de Antropología, Mérida, Yucatán), co-directors of the Economic Foundations of Mayapán Project, have produced a substantial, data-rich discussion of life at Mayapán (Yucatán, Mexico), one of the most important postclassic period Maya cities. Using a modified political economy perspective, the authors discuss monumental architecture, site layout/planning, housing types, politics, economics, religion, militarism, and the site's 15th-century collapse after about 250 years of regional dominance. By describing a vibrant city, this work reinforces others that challenge the outdated idea of the postclassic period as one of cultural deterioration. The level of detail in data presentation (at times somewhat overwhelming) will be useful for archaeologists working at other sites in Mesoamerica and beyond, and the cultural interpretations will interest general readers (although this is by no means light reading). The book contains many tables and illustrations. A rare work in that it shows so clearly the connection between data and interpretation.

--J. J. Aimers, *SUNY Geneseo*

Summing Up: Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates and above.