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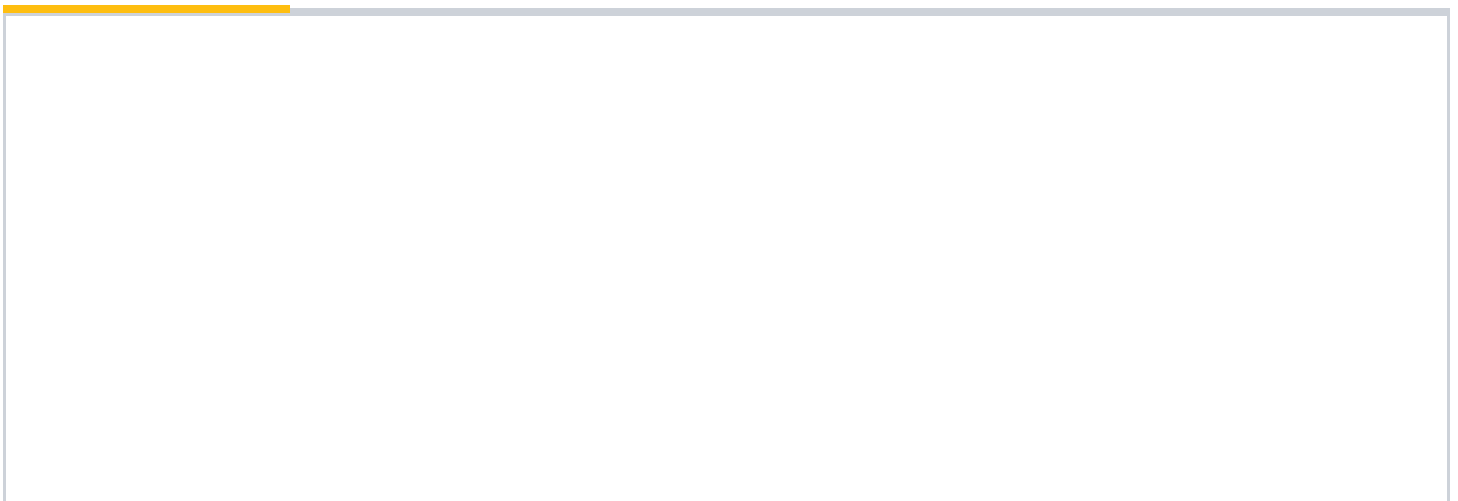
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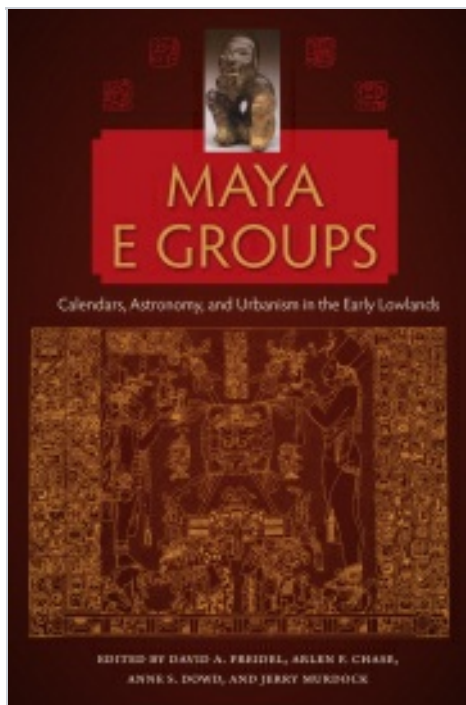


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“Leading archaeologists present the most recent evidence on a complex of architecture, iconography, and artifacts closely linked to the rise of the divine kingships of the ancient Maya. An important volume for anyone interested in the rise of ancient states.” —Arthur Demarest, author of *Ancient Maya: The Rise and Fall of a Rainforest Civilization* “E Groups have proven to be older, more complex, and more variable than we might have anticipated even a generation ago. New data presented and interpreted here will inform the next generation of researchers and enthrall Maya enthusiasts everywhere.” —Debra S. Walker, editor of *Perspectives on the Ancient Maya of Chetumal Bay* As complex societies emerged in the Maya lowlands during the first millennium BCE, so did stable communities focused around public squares and the worship of a divine ruler tied to a Maize God cult. “E Groups” central to many of these



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