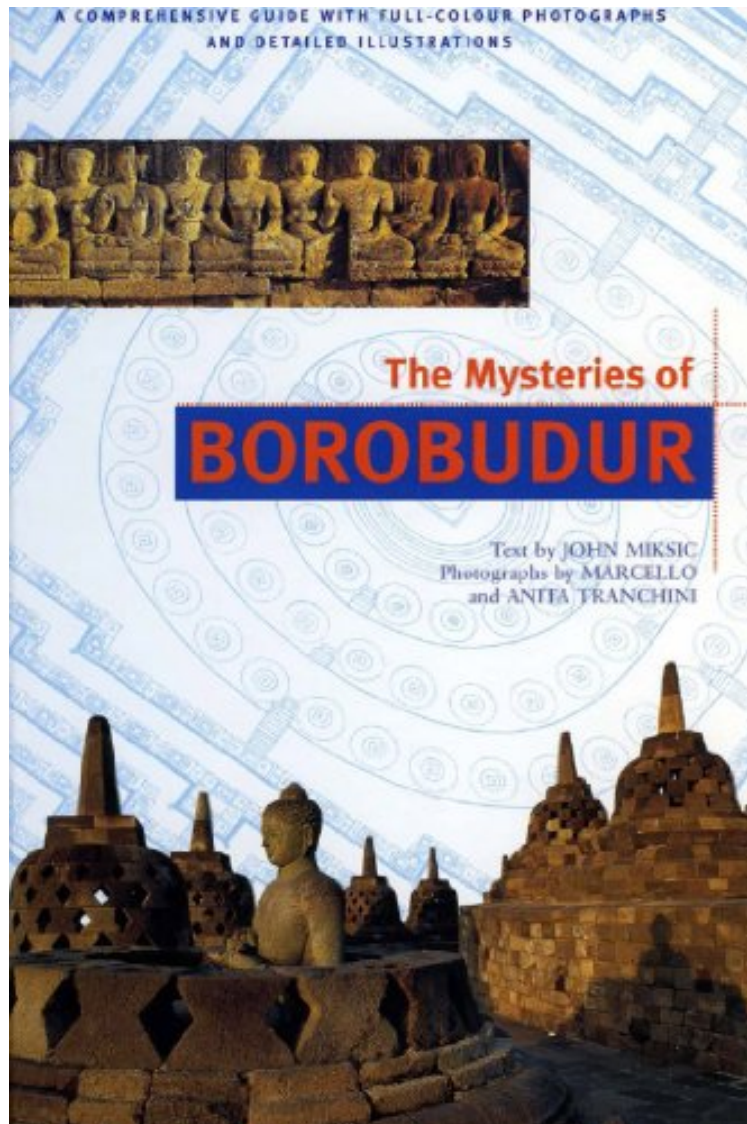


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the number of symbolism in the temple's reliefs and the history of the temple. Still, the book provides a light and wonderful introduction to the majestic Prayer in Stone" by Soekmono, Casparis, Dumarcay (ISBN 2878680049), and "Borobudur" by Nou and Frederic (ISBN 0789201348.) Both are filled with photographs, but the latter has more text and a catalog of all the reliefs in the temple."The Mysteries of Borobudur" happens to be part of a series in Periplus' "Discover Indonesia." One might want to check out (ISBN 962-593-196-1,) and Balinese Architecture (ISBN 962-593-194-5,) both by Davison and Granquist. END

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