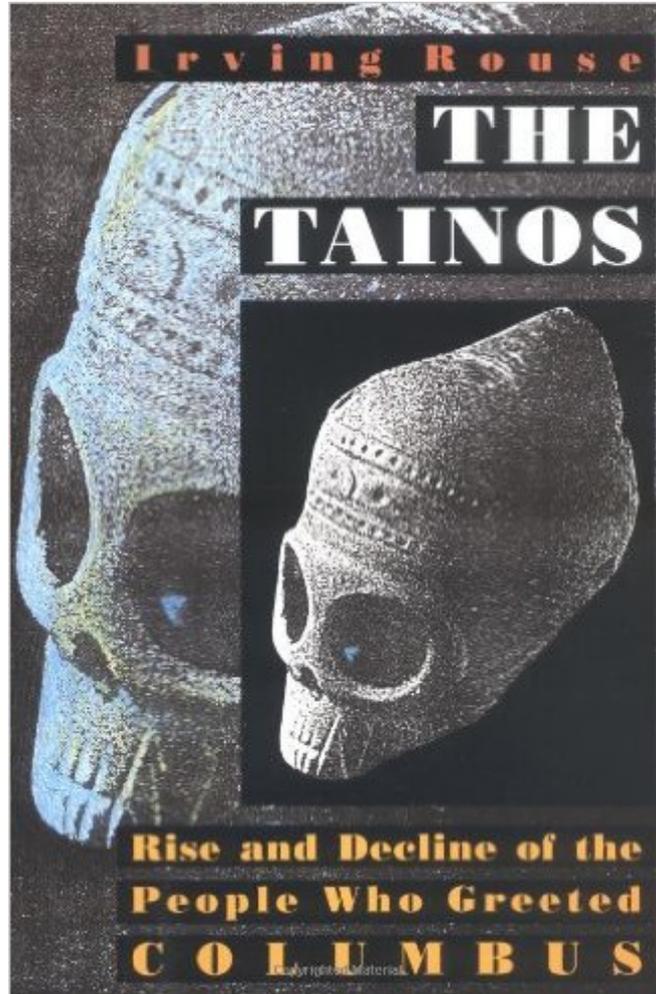


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# The Tainos: Rise And Decline Of The People Who Greeted Columbus



## Synopsis

A noted archaeologist and anthropologist tells the story of the Tainos of the northern Caribbean islands, from their ancestry on the South American continent to their rapid decline after contact with the Spanish explorers.

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There were so many things of the Taino Indians I didn't know about and this book gives such a wonderful view of their lives and heritage you think they were your neighbors next door! This book makes you realize how important it is to keep your heritage alive.

Very interesting and informative book on Tainos. As a Puerto Rican, I was curious to know more about the Taino who inhabited the island before Columbus' arrival. It's obvious the author has spent much time thoroughly researching the issue on Tainos. However, although the title of the book leads one to believe the main focus is on the Taino themselves, a lot of the book is spent theorizing and hypothesizing about the Tainos' Caribbean ancestors and predecessors with explanations of pottery works and other items found in archeological digs. I was expecting something different, such as a more detailed account of day-to-day Taino social norms, culture and history. Some of that information is included in the book, but not as much as I would have liked, and I suspect not much is known about it anyway. Even so, it was still very interesting and am glad to include this book as an addition to my personal little library at home.

When writing this book, Dr. Rouse put a lifetime of research and studies on the Indians of the Caribbean into one work. Since Rouse is considered the "Dean of Caribbean Archaeology", this book is a "must have" for anyone interested in the region and its native inhabitants. Very few people have worked for so long, in so many locations and with such dedication as Dr. Rouse.

Irving Rouse, nos presenta un libro muy completo y bien investigado sobre el tema taíno. Todos aquellos estudiosos que quieran aprender sobre esta etnia, la etnia amerindia que tuvo el primer fatal encuentro con Cristóbal Colón, debe leer este libro. Este libro es la Biblia sobre el tema taíno.

I bought this book because my new daughter-in-law is part Arawak Indian and I wanted to educate myself as well as embrace my new grandchild's heritage. The Arawaks were the Tainos. This book is very informative on the Tainos, including precise location. Very well written from beginning to end. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

A great and concise book on this subject. The author is honest enough to provide competing views, along with sources, but in my opinion this author provides an excellent history of the Tainos. I have read many sources on this subject, dating back about one hundred years, and many were obviously written in a biased manner reflecting the authors at that time. This book provides many sources for the viewer to decide for themselves, while also giving what the author feels is most accurate. I highly recommend this book to anyone researching this subject.

As a Puerto Rican looking to learn more about my heritage (pre-European) this book was FANTASTIC!

This is a very good and comprehensive book about the pre-columbian indigenous inhabitants of the islands in the Caribbean. An up to date thesis on just about every aspect of the inhabitants since the first ones arrived in the various islands, how and when they got there and their distribution. If I had to choose one book about this subject, this would be my first choice.

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