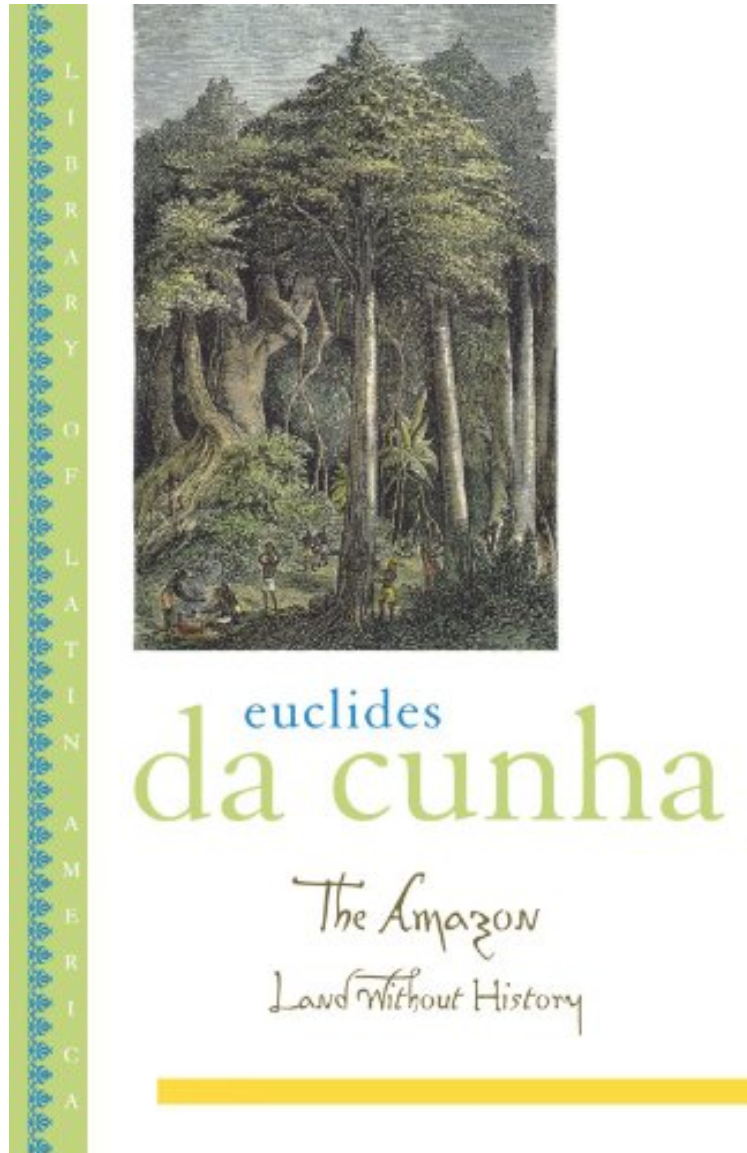


[Download free ebook] The Amazon: Land without History (Library of Latin America)

The Amazon: Land without History (Library of Latin America)

Euclides da Cunha

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#2000725 in Books 2006-08-01Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 5.50 x .30 x 8.10l, .38 #File Name: 0195172043128 pages | File size: 71.Mb

Euclides da Cunha : The Amazon: Land without History (Library of Latin America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Amazon: Land without History (Library of Latin America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fundamental bookBy M. HartenthalThis is a fundamental book for anyone interested in Brazilian history and the . And, Euclides is one of the best writers not only in Brazil but globally, in my opinion. If you can't read the original in Portuguese, it's great to have a translation like this.

'The Amazon' features eight essays by Euclides da Cunha, about his trip through the Amazon in 1905, written to describe the Brazilian hinterlands to the urban citizens.

From *The New Yorker* Euclides, a civil engineer turned journalist, occupies a unique niche in Brazilian letters. These essays, written after a 1905 trip, though they deal with topics like the hydrology, climate, and haphazard settlement of the region, and the impossible lives of the rubber-tappers, contain passages that read like the letters of a brilliant friend. Their intricate sentences are animated by a tragic lyricism befitting the author, who was destined to be killed by his wife's young lover soon after he wrote these essays. Even specks of the unconscious racism here, if implicit, can have redeeming charm (as when Euclides says of the Tacunas, dwellers on the upper Purus River, that they are "born looking old"). These haunting studies reveal a man who saw the region as a place where violence and cruelty are as inevitable as the tropic sun. Copyright 2007 [Click here to subscribe to The New Yorker](#) About the Author Lucia Sa is at Stanford University. Ronald W. Sousa is at University of Illinois.