

The 2023 Spiro Kostof Book Award Committee is pleased to announce that they have unanimously agreed that the best book from the more than thirty that were submitted for this award is *Cuzco: Incas, Spaniards, and the Making of a Colonial City* by Michael J. Schreffler, published by Yale University Press in 2020. Using sixteenth-century archival documents and published archaeological evidence, Schreffler has written a concise and well-illustrated account of the fateful conquest of the Inca capital and sacred site in the 1530s. He documents a process which transformed, but did not destroy, the capital of an empire that had ruled most of western South America. Schreffler's research in archives in Spain and Peru is clearly presented and well-illustrated, and the book includes many well-chosen photographs of sites and artifacts. His attention to Inca as well as Spanish cultural and building practices, many of them closely related to ideas about nature and to patterns of social interconnection, offers an exceptional account of this key moment in early modern urban and architectural history.

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