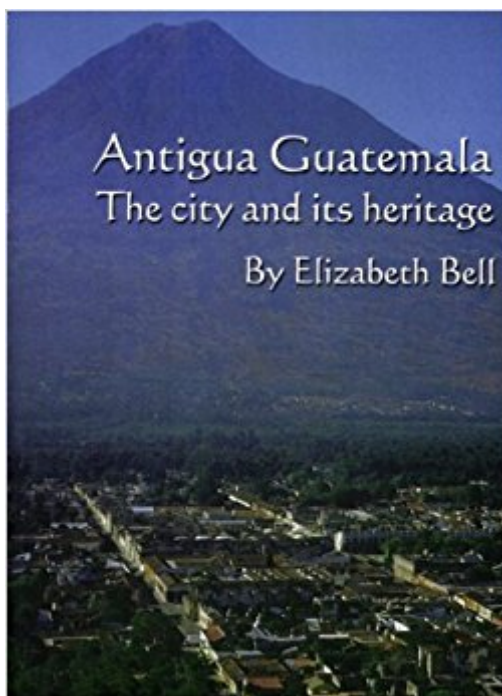


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# Antigua Guatemala: The City And Its Heritage



## Synopsis

Antigua Guatemala: the city and its heritage brings the historical city of Antigua Guatemala to life. It is recognized as THE most comprehensive book on this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Focus on the history of the colonial city, previously known as Santiago de Guatemala. An illustrated concise history of the main monuments and museums is fascinating. A chapter is dedicated to beautiful colonial homes and fiestas and holidays that are traditional. Read about the city's Physical Environment, Historical Figures, Chronological Record of Damaging Earthquakes, Recorded Fuego Eruptions, Bibliography.

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This book was presented at Books & Books in Coral Gables, FL on November 30th. Coral Gables is a sister city of Antigua Guatemala. The Mayor of Coral Gables introduced Elizabeth Bell and the event was well attended by more than 50 people. --revue.mag

Elizabeth Bell, a resident of Antigua for 46 years, was born in Burlingame, California, grew up in Palo Alto, and moved to Antigua Guatemala at the age of 14. She graduated from the University of San Carlos in Guatemala (1976) and attended graduate school at the University of Washington (ABT). She co-authored the first of her series of books on Antigua. Elizabeth managed the city of Antigua through the Consejo Nacional Para la Protecci3n de La Antigua Guatemala (1978-87) and received a certificate in Architectural Conservation at the International Centre for the Conservation and Preservation of Cultural Property (ICCROM) in Rome (1983) and a certificate in Heritage and Tourism from the Centro Nacional de Conservaci3n, Restauraci3n y

Museologist in Havana (1997). With emphasis on professional cultural tourism in Antigua, Elizabeth has conducted cultural tours and given lectures since 1992 as well as organizing travel arrangements. Her greatest joy, however, is researching the city. She received the Guatemalan government's highest award for her preservation efforts in Antigua the Gold Award Diego de Porres by the National Council for the Protection of La Antigua Guatemala on December 1st, 2011 for her tireless efforts during 42 years in providing useful information about La Antigua Guatemala through her multiple books and lectures and her constant efforts in the preservation of the City and its Cultural Heritage .

I thought the book was going to give 'insider' travel and touring tips for those visiting Antigua and surrounding areas today. Perhaps I should have read the book summary more closely; it is actually a detailed look at the city's development and its history, describing all the places to see from an historical perspective. For those who are interested, the author presents a fascinating yet singularly focused background on the city's development. Her expertise is unquestioned, however I found the writing somewhat dry. Still, I look forward to visiting Antigua soon and I am sure I will share her love and fascination with this beautiful place.

This book proved to be perfect. We traveled to Antigua and read it from cover to cover. It is rich with historical information and photos with no excess information like a guidebook would have. My traveling companions bought a second copy in Spanish!

How many of the Visitors of Antigua have no Idea of the rich history of Antigua. This Book of Elisabeth Bell can Help. Far above of what one can find in the usual Travel books, this book is the most comprehensive I was able to find on Antigua's history. I live every year a few months here in Antigua and have found that it is an ideal spot for retirement. I am writing presently a book to recommend Antigua as an ideal retirement spot. I definitely will recommend Bell's book as a Must for reading to all considering living for longer periods in Antigua. They will enjoy their new place of living even more, if they know more about the rich history of the City of the eternal spring. Richard Riversky Author of A Retiree Now? The Best Time to Live to Write a Book and Host of [...]

Are you planning a visit to Antigua Guatemala? Read Elizabeth Bell's Antigua Guatemala: The City and its Heritage first! If you aren't planning a visit, leaf through this book and you will reserve a ticket

as soon as possible. Bell's book is a marvelous introduction to the history, architecture, and art of this important colonial city. In addition to an excellent historical introduction, the book includes monument by monument descriptions, museum summaries, and references to specific art objects. Photographs, a comprehensive bibliography, and a charming map are also included. Bell's devotion to the scholarship of the area and the restoration of this beautiful city are remarkable. The book is a terrific introduction to an intriguing city.

Antigua has to be one of the most beautiful cities in the New World. Once the darling of the Americas, she was virtually abandoned after a devastating earthquake in 1773. Thus, we have one of the most beautiful colonial cities in the Americas. I became smitten with Antigua while on a holiday from missions work in December 1995. What began as an innocent walking tour with Elizabeth Bell, became a lifelong love of this beautiful city and her people. With Bell's book (and candle, in case night set in), I visited almost every building or ruin and soaked up the romance of this beautiful city. After marrying in 2002, the only choice for our "luna de miel" or honeymoon... Antigua, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. And of course, we packed Elizabeth's book.

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