



## Books

► **“Lost Worlds: Ruins of the Americas”** by Arthur Drooker (forward by Pico Iyer). Glossy coffee-table books abound this time of year — and if you’re looking for splashy and colorful travel-themed tomes, there’s no shortage. Arthur Drooker’s haunting infrared images stand out, however, as a testament to the sheer beauty and power of documentary black-and-white photography. The book is a tribute to more than 30 ruins in 16 countries and will appeal to the traveler and archaeology buff on your list. Drooker’s reverence to these ancient structures is magnified by his skillful use of light, shadows and, one would guess, a lot of patience waiting for the clouds to comply with his vision. (Antique Collectors Club; 160 pages; \$49.95 list)

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