

Wretched Ruins

In the shadows of history lurk the remains of **ancient** nations and powerful kingdoms. Many of these civilizations disappeared hundreds—or even thousands—of years ago. Yet ghostly traces of their world linger on in the **ruins** of their crumbling buildings, silent **tombs**, and blood-stained **pyramids**. These mysterious links to the past offer clues to strange, and even shocking, events.

Among the 11 wretched ruins in this book, you'll uncover a forgotten city hidden high on a mountaintop, an island of stone giants, and a series of desert carvings so astounding that some people think they may have been made by **aliens**. Scholars have spent years trying to unravel the mysteries of these ruins—yet many questions still surround these ancient sites.