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José Limón (1908-1972) was one of the leading figures of modern dance in the twentieth century. Hailed by the New York Times as "the finest male dancer of his time" when the José Limón Dance Company debuted in 1947, Limón was also a renowned choreographer who won two Dance Magazine Awards and a Capezio Dance Award, two of dance's highest honors. In addition to directing his own dance company, Limón served as artistic director of the Lincoln Center's American Dance Theater and also taught choreography at the Juilliard School for many years. In this volume, scholars and artists from fields as diverse as dance history, art history, Mesoamerican ethnohistory, Mexican

American studies, music studies, and Mexican history come together to explore one of José Limón's masterworks, the ballet *La Malinche*. Offering many points of entry into the dance, they examine *La Malinche* from various angles, such as Limón's life story and the influence of his Mexican heritage on his work, an analysis of the dance itself, the musical score composed by Norman Lloyd, the visual elements of props and costumes, the history and myth of *La Malinche* (the indigenous woman who served the Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés as interpreter and mistress), *La Malinche*'s continuing presence in Mexican American culture, and issues involved in a modern restaging of the dance. Also included in the book is a DVD written and directed by Patricia Harrington Delaney that presents the ballet in its entirety, accompanied by expert commentary that sets *La Malinche* within its artistic and historical context.

Romans in a New World University of Delaware Press
A dramatic rethinking of the encounter between Montezuma and Hernando Cortés that completely

overturns what we know about the Spanish conquest of the Americas. On November 8, 1519, the Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortés first met Montezuma, the Aztec emperor, at the entrance to the capital city of Tenochtitlan. This introduction—the prelude to the Spanish seizure of Mexico City and to European colonization of the mainland of the Americas—has long been the symbol of Cortés's bold and brilliant military genius. Montezuma, on the other hand, is remembered as a coward who gave away a vast empire and touched off a wave of colonial invasions across the hemisphere. But is this really what happened? In a departure from traditional tellings, *When Montezuma Met Cortés* uses "the Meeting"—as Restall dubs their first encounter—as the entry point into a comprehensive reevaluation of both Cortés and Montezuma. Drawing on rare primary sources and overlooked accounts by conquistadors and Aztecs alike, Restall explores Cortés's and Montezuma's posthumous reputations, their achievements and failures, and the worlds in which they lived—leading,

step by step, to a dramatic inversion of the old story. As Restall takes us through this sweeping, revisionist account of a pivotal moment in modern civilization, he calls into question our view of the history of the Americas, and, indeed, of history itself.

The Improbable Conquest
Univ of California Press
Published in 1557,
Nikolaus Federmann's
Indianische Historia is a
fascinating narrative
describing the German
military commander's
incursion into what is now
Venezuela. Designed not
only for classroom use but
also for the use of
scholars, this English
translation is
accompanied by a critical
introduction that
contextualizes
Federmann's firsthand
account within the
broader Spanish colonial
system. Having gained
the rights to colonize
Venezuela from the
Spanish Crown in 1528,
the Welser merchant
house of Augsburg,
Germany, sent
mercenaries, settlers, and
miners to set up colonial
structures. The venture
never turned a profit, and
operations ceased in 1546
after two Welser officials
were murdered.
Federmann's text gives

an account of his foray
into the interior of
Venezuela in 1530–31. It
describes violent first
contact with Indigenous
peoples as well as
Federmann's
communication strategies,
how he managed to
prevail in hostile terrain,
and how he related to
other agents of the
conquests. It also
documents his
unwavering belief in the
intrinsic preeminence of
European Christians and,
ultimately, in the
righteousness of his
mission. The only detailed
record of this incursion,
Federmann's text adds a
unique and important
perspective to our
understanding of first
colonial contact on the
Caribbean coast of South
America. It provides
insight into the first-
contact dynamic, the
techniques of subjugation
and dominance, and the
web of diverging interests
among stakeholders. This
volume will be a valuable
resource for courses and
for scholarship on
conquest and colonialism
in Latin America.
Latin American Novels of
the Conquest Cengage
Learning
In early April 1536,
Gonzalo Jiménez de
Quesada led a military
expedition from the

coastal city of Santa
Marta deep into the
interior of what is today
modern Colombia. With
roughly eight hundred
Spaniards and numerous
native carriers and black
slaves, the Jiménez
expedition was larger
than the combined forces
under Hernando Cortés
and Francisco Pizarro.
Over the course of the
one-year campaign,
nearly three-quarters of
Jiménez's men perished,
most from illness and
hunger. Yet, for the 179
survivors, the expedition
proved to be one of the
most profitable
campaigns of the
sixteenth century.
Unfortunately, the history
of the Spanish conquest
of Colombia remains
virtually unknown.
Through a series of
firsthand primary
accounts, translated into
English for the first time,
Invading Colombia
reconstructs the
compelling tale of the
Jiménez expedition, the
early stages of the
Spanish conquest of
Muisca territory, and the
foundation of the city of
Santa Fé de Bogotá. We
follow the expedition from
the Canary Islands to
Santa Marta, up the
Magdalena River, and
finally into Colombia's
eastern highlands. These

highly engaging accounts not only challenge many current assumptions about the nature of Spanish conquests in the New World, but they also reveal a richly entertaining, yet tragic, tale that rivals the great conquest narratives of Mexico and Peru.

When Montezuma Met Cortés Penn State Press
Since its original appearance in 1949, Irving A. Leonard's pioneering *Books of the Brave* has endured as the classic account of the introduction of literary culture to the Spanish New World. Leonard's study documents the works of fiction that accompanied and followed the conquistadores to the Americas and argues that popular texts influenced these men and shaped the way they thought and wrote about their experiences. UC Press's 1992 edition combines Leonard's text with a selection of the documents that were his most valuable sources—nine lists of books destined for the Indies. Containing a wealth of information, these lists provide the documentary evidence for what is perhaps Leonard's greatest contribution: his

demonstration that royal and inquisitorial prohibitions failed to control the circulation of books and ideas in colonial Spanish America. Rolena Adorno's introduction reaffirms the lasting value of *Books of the Brave* and chronicles developments in cultural-historical studies that have shed light on the role of books in Spanish American colonial culture. Adorno situates Leonard's work at the threshold between older, triumphalist views of Spanish conquest history and more recent perspectives engendered by studies of native American peoples. With its rich descriptions of the book trade in both Spain and America, *Books of the Brave* has much to offer historians as well as literary critics. Indeed, it is a highly readable and engaging book for anyone interested in the cultural life of the New World. This title is part of UC Press's *Voices Revived* program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, *Voices Revived* makes high-quality, peer-

reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1992.

Books of the Brave NYU Press

Of great benefit for scholars and teachers, this is the first English translation and critical edition of a rare refutation of Bartolomé de las Casas's famous 1552 *Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, one of the most influential texts of the sixteenth century. The *Defense and Discourse of the Western Conquests*, written by the Spanish soldier Bernardo de Vargas Machuca about 1603, provides valuable insights into the other side of the debate over the morality of the Spanish conquest. *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest* Penn State Press

This Very Short Introduction examines the Spanish conquistadors who invaded the Americas in the sixteenth century, as well as the Native American Kingdoms they invaded.

Cacicas Penn State University Press
Could European bodies thrive in the Indies?
Would Indians turn into Spaniards if they ate

Spanish food? This fascinating history of food, colonisation and race shows that attitudes about food were fundamental to European colonialism and understandings of physical difference in the Age of Discovery.

Books of the Brave

Penn State Press

The Spanish conquest of the Americas in the 16th century was one of the most important and cataclysmic events in history. Spanish expeditions endured incredible hardships in order to open up the lands of the 'New World', and few stories in history can match these for drama and endurance. In *Conquistadors*, Michael Wood follows in the footsteps of some of the greatest of the Spanish adventurers travelling from the forests of Amazonia to Lake Titicaca, the deserts of North Mexico, the snowpeaks of the Andes and the heights of Machu Picchu. He experiences the epic journeys of Cortes, Pizarro, Orellana and Cabeza de Vaca, and explores the turbulent and terrifying events surrounding the Spanish conquest of the Aztec and Inca empires. Wood brings these stories to

vivid life, highlighting both the heroic accomplishments and the complex moral legacy of the European invasion. *Conquistadors* is Michael Wood at his best - thoughtful, provocative and gripping history. *Contesting Conquest* Cambridge University Press

This book presents a unique set of written records belonging to the De la Cruz family, caciques of Tepemaxalco in the Toluca Valley. Composed in Nahuatl and Spanish and available here both in the original languages and in English translation, this collection of documents opens a window onto the life of a family from colonial Mexico's indigenous elite and sheds light on the broader indigenous world within the Spanish colonial system. The main text is a record created in 1647 by long-serving governor don Pedro de la Cruz and continued by his heirs through the nineteenth century, along with two wills and several other notable documents. These sources document a community history, illuminating broader issues centering on politics, religion, and economics as well as providing unusual insight

into the concerns and values of indigenous leaders. These texts detail the projects financed by the De la Cruz family, how they talked about them, and which belongings they deemed important enough to pass along after their death. Designed for classroom use, this clear and concise primary source includes a wealth of details about indigenous everyday life and preserves and makes accessible a rich and precious heritage. The engaging introduction highlights issues of class relations and the public and performative character of Nahuatl Christianity. The authors provide the necessary tools to help students understand the colonial context in which these documents were produced.

Conquistador Voices (Vol I) Oxford University Press

Conquistador Voices, a two-volume work by Kevin H. Siepel, is intended for the general reader. The book presents the history of the Spanish Conquest of the Americas principally through the voices of those who participated in that signal event. Its goal is to make this story engaging by substantial use of first-

person narrative--much of it newly translated from Spanish and Italian sources. The overall story is told in five parts, each part featuring a principal Conquest actor--an explorer or conquistador. Volume I is devoted to the four voyages of Christopher Columbus, and to the subsequent conquest of Mexico by Hernan Cortes. Volume I opens with a scene-setting narrative and introduction to Columbus, a man with an unshakable belief in an idea and a dogged determination to carry out that idea. Columbus's landing and initial encounter with the peoples of the Americas is covered, as is his worsening relationship with the colonists, his arrest and removal to Spain, his rehabilitation, and his subsequent year-long, mutiny-ridden isolation on a Jamaican beach. Equally well covered are the many aspects of his complex personality. The second part of volume I covers the conquest of Mexico and the Aztecs by Hernan Cortes. We are taken on the early exploratory voyages to the Mexican coast, eventually to land there with Cortes and his not-totally-loyal troops. We see Cortes take

charge of his men, gather initially-hostile Indian warriors to his cause, and move this large force inexorably toward the Aztec capital, Tenochtitlan. We witness Cortes's bold seizure of the Aztec king Montezuma, the Spaniards' flight from the capital on the *noche triste*, Cortes's determination to hold this land against attacking Spaniards, and his final razing of the city with the slaughter of most of its inhabitants. An effort has been made throughout *Conquistador Voices* to avoid moralizing on these events, but to report them--with all due filtering of wheat from chaff--as we have been told that they occurred. Nine maps accompany the text, along with index, copious footnotes, and brief bibliography.

The Riddle of Latin America Penn State Press
 In 1786, Guatemalan priest Pedro José de Arrese published a work instructing readers on their duty to perform the cesarean operation on the bodies of recently deceased pregnant women in order to extract the fetus while it was still alive. Although the fetus's long-term survival was desired, the overarching

goal was to cleanse the unborn child of original sin and ensure its place in heaven. *Baptism Through Incision* presents Arrese's complete treatise--translated here into English for the first time--with a critical introduction and excerpts from related primary source texts. Inspired by priests' writings published in Spain and Sicily beginning in the mid-eighteenth century, Arrese and writers like him in Peru, Mexico, Alta California, Guatemala, and the Philippines penned local medico-religious manuals and guides for performing the operation and baptism. Comparing these texts to one another and placing them in dialogue with archival cases and print culture references, this book traces the genealogy of the postmortem cesarean operation throughout the Spanish Empire and reconstructs the transatlantic circulation of obstetrical and scientific knowledge around childbirth and reproduction. In doing so, it shows that knowledge about cesarean operations and fetal baptism intersected with local beliefs and quickly became part of the new ideas and scientific-

medical advancements circulating broadly among transatlantic Enlightenment cultures. A valuable resource for scholars and students of colonial Latin American history, the history of medicine, and the history of women, reproduction, and childbirth, *Baptism Through Incision* includes translated excerpts of works by Spanish surgeon Jaime Alcalá y Martínez, Mexican physician Ignacio Segura, and Peruvian friar Francisco González Laguna, as well as late colonial Guatemalan instructions, and newspaper articles published in the *Gazeta de México*, the *Gazeta de Guatemala*, and the *Mercurio Peruano*. *The Body of the Conquistador* Penn State Press

The term cacica was a Spanish linguistic invention, the female counterpart to caciques, the Arawak word for male indigenous leaders in Spanish America. But the term's meaning was adapted and manipulated by natives, creating a new social stratum where it previously may not have existed. This book explores that transformation, a conscious construction and reshaping of identity

from within. Cacicas feature far and wide in the history of Spanish America, as female governors and tribute collectors and as relatives of ruling caciques—or their destitute widows. They played a crucial role in the establishment and success of Spanish rule, but were also instrumental in colonial natives' resistance and self-definition. In this volume, noted scholars uncover the history of colonial cacicas, moving beyond anecdotes of individuals in Spanish America. Their work focuses on the evolution of indigenous leadership, particularly the lineage and succession of these positions in different regions, through the lens of native women's political activism. Such activism might mean the intervention of cacicas in the economic, familial, and religious realms or their participation in official and unofficial matters of governance. The authors explore the role of such personal authority and political influence across a broad geographic, chronological, and thematic range—in patterns of succession, the settling of frontier regions, interethnic relations and the

importance of purity of blood, gender and family dynamics, legal and marital strategies for defending communities, and the continuation of indigenous governance. This volume showcases colonial cacicas as historical subjects who constructed their consciousness around their place, whether symbolic or geographic, and articulated their own unique identities. It expands our understanding of the significant influence these women exerted—within but also well beyond the native communities of Spanish America. *Indigenous Life After the Conquest* HarperCollins

To the Shores of Chile presents the remarkable story of an expedition that took place in Latin America during the height of the Dutch Empire. Skillfully translated by Mark Meuwese, this captivating work sheds light on Dutch imperialism and the complicated relationships between Native peoples and European colonizers. In 1643, the Dutch West India Company launched an expedition to the coast of southern Chile. With plans to set up a permanent outpost that they hoped would

generate enormous revenues in gold and weaken the position of their Spanish rivals, a naval squadron of five vessels and six hundred and fifty soldiers, sailors, and craftsmen set sail under the direction of Hendrick Brouwer. In the end, lack of cooperation from the native Mapuche stymied the expedition. However, an account of the enterprise, based on the journals and logbooks, was published in Amsterdam in 1646 to capitalize on the public fascination with dangerous adventures of Europeans in exotic places and to serve as a political pamphlet in support of the renewal of the West India Company's charter. *To the Shores of Chile* makes this account available for the first time in English and sheds light on both Dutch expansionism and the military and diplomatic power of indigenous people in South America. It will be particularly valuable to ethnohistorians, scholars of failed colonies, and those interested in maritime and Dutch colonial history.

[Open Veins of Latin America](#) University of Oklahoma Press

An update of a popular

work that takes on the myths of the Spanish Conquest of the Americas, featuring a new afterword. *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest* reveals how the Spanish invasions in the Americas have been conceived and presented, misrepresented and misunderstood, in the five centuries since Columbus first crossed the Atlantic. This book is a unique and provocative synthesis of ideas and themes that were for generations debated or perpetuated without question in academic and popular circles. The 2003 edition became the foundation stone of a scholarly turn since called *The New Conquest History*. Each of the book's seven chapters describes one myth, or one aspect of the Conquest that has been distorted or misrepresented, examines its roots, and explodes its fallacies and misconceptions. Using a wide array of primary and secondary sources, written in a scholarly but readable style, *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest* explains why Columbus did not set out to prove the world was round, the conquistadors were not soldiers, the native Americans did not

take them for gods, Cortés did not have a unique vision of conquest procedure, and handfuls of vastly outnumbered Spaniards did not bring down great empires with stunning rapidity. Conquest realities were more complex--and far more fascinating--than conventional histories have related, and they featured a more diverse cast of protagonists--Spanish, Native American, and African. This updated edition of a key event in the history of the Americas critically examines the book's arguments, how they have held up, and why they prompted the rise of a *New Conquest History*.

The Conquest on Trial
Penn State Press

[In this book, the author's] analysis of the effects and causes of capitalist underdevelopment in Latin America present [an] account of ... Latin American history. [The author] shows how foreign companies reaped huge profits through their operations in Latin America. He explains the politics of the Latin American bourgeoisies and their subservience to foreign powers, and how they interacted to create increasingly unequal capitalist societies in Latin

America.-Back cover.

A Twice-told Tale

University of Oklahoma Press

THE RIDDLE OF LATIN AMERICA explores the promise and paradox of Latin America in a novel way by giving equal weight to the colonial and national periods. This is essential because in Latin America colonialism started early and independence came late. The aim of this book is to provide unfamiliar readers with a more balanced, interpretive view of Latin America's long and complex history by identifying key patterns and trends and tracing them across time and space. Within chapters THE RIDDLE OF LATIN AMERICA takes a regional rather than country-by-

country approach, treating, for example, the Greater Caribbean, Mexico and Central America, the Andes, the Southern Cone, and Brazil. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

To Heaven or to Hell Penn State Press

Tenamaztle's lament -- Spaniards conquer the west -- Insurrection and war -- Xalisco and the new order

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