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**Contemporary Spanish Politics** José M. Magone, 2004-07-31 This book gives fresh insight into the formal and informal workings of this dynamic southern European democracy thoroughly discussing history politics institutions parties economy and foreign policy at an introductory level      Lords of the Sea Alan G. Jamieson, 2013-02-15 The escalation of piracy in the waters east and south of Somalia has led commentators to call the area the new Barbary but the Somali pirates cannot compare to the three hundred years of terror supplied by the Barbary corsairs in the Mediterranean and beyond From 1500 to 1800 Muslim pirates from the Barbary Coast of North Africa captured and enslaved more than a million Christians *Lords of the Sea* relates the history of these pirates examining their dramatic impact as the maritime vanguard of the Ottoman Empire in the early 1500s through their breaking from Ottoman control in the early seventeenth century Alan Jamieson explores how the corsairs rose to the apogee of their powers during this period extending their activities from the Mediterranean into the Atlantic and venturing as far as England Ireland and Iceland Serving as a vital component of the main Ottoman fleet the Barbary pirates also conducted independent raids of Christian ships and territory While their activities declined after 1700 Jamieson reveals that it was only in the early nineteenth century that Europe and the United States finally curtailed the Barbary menace a fight that culminated in the French conquest of Algiers in 1830 A welcome addition to military history *Lords of the Sea* is an engrossing tale of exploration slavery and conquest      *Espana En La Busqueda de Su Destino* Howard Headworth, 2014-08-15 It is two years after the entry in Granada by the Christians in 1492 In this brilliant sequel to his first historical novel *Al Andalus* His last years Howard Headworth elaborates a rich mix of personal drama and historical detail and presents a magnificent sense of the place Including the military campaigns of the great captain in Italy against the French the wedding of the Infanta Jeanne in Flanders with Philip the Beautiful the scandals of the Borgias in Rome and The Adventures of Christopher Columbus in the Indies in search of gold the Catholic Monarchs seek To forge the future grandeur and destiny of Spain Howard Headworth lives in Almeria Spain for twenty years He was born in Wales and

studied geology at the university there and at the Imperial College in London He uses his great experience as a scientific director as well as his passion for the history of his adopted country in this historical novel      **River of Darkness** Buddy Levy,2011-02-22 From the acclaimed author of Conquistador comes this thrilling account of one of history's greatest adventures of discovery With cinematic immediacy and meticulous attention to historical detail here is the true story of a legendary sixteenth century explorer and his death defying navigation of the Amazon river of darkness pathway to gold In 1541 the brutal conquistador Gonzalo Pizarro and his well born lieutenant Francisco Orellana set off from Quito in search of La Canela South America's rumored Land of Cinnamon and the fabled El Dorado the golden man Driving an enormous retinue of mercenaries enslaved natives horses hunting dogs and other animals across the Andes they watched their proud expedition begin to disintegrate even before they descended into the nightmarish jungle following the course of a powerful river Soon hopelessly lost in the swampy labyrinth their numbers diminishing daily through disease starvation and Indian attacks Pizarro and Orellana made a fateful decision to separate While Pizarro eventually returned home barefoot and in rags Orellana and fifty seven men in a few fragile craft continued downriver into the unknown reaches of the mighty Amazon serenaded by native war drums and the eerie cries of exotic predators Theirs would be the greater glory Interweaving eyewitness accounts of the quest with newly uncovered details Buddy Levy reconstructs the seminal journey that has electrified adventurers ever since as Orellana became the first European to navigate and explore the entire length of the world's largest river Levy gives a long overdue account of the native populations some peaceful and welcoming offering sustenance and life saving guidance others ferociously hostile subjecting the invaders to gauntlets of unremitting attack and intimations of terrifying rituals And here is the Amazon itself a powerful presence whose every twist and turn held the promise of new wonders both natural and man made as well as the ever present risk of death a river that would hold Orellana in its irresistible embrace to the end of his life Overflowing with violence and beauty nobility and tragedy River of Darkness is both riveting history and a breathtaking adventure that will sweep readers along on an epic voyage unlike any other      **The Torrid Zone** L. H. Roper,2022-04-13 The first comparative history of European settlers trading pirating and colonizing activities in the Caribbean Brimming with new perspectives and cutting edge research the essays collected in The Torrid Zone explore colonization and cultural interaction in the Caribbean from the late 1600s to the early 1800s a period known as the long seventeenth century a time when these encounters varied widely and the diverse actors were not yet fully enmeshed in the culture and power dynamics of master slave relations The events of this era would profoundly affect the social and political development both of the colonies that Europeans established in the Caribbean and the wider world This book is the first to offer comparative treatments of Danish Dutch English and French trading pirating and colonizing activities in the Caribbean and analysis of the corresponding interactions among people of African European and Native origin The contributions range from an investigation of the indigenous colonization of the Lesser Antilles by the Kalinago to a look at

how the Anglo Dutch wars in Europe affected relations between the English inhabitants and the Dutch government of Suriname Among the other essays are incisive examinations of the often neglected history of Danish settlement in the Virgin Islands attempts to establish French colonial authority over the pirates of Saint Domingue and how the Caribbean blueprint for colonization manifested itself in South Carolina through enslavement of Amerindians and the establishment of plantation agriculture The extensive geographic demographic and thematic concerns of this collection shed a clear light on the socioeconomic character of the Torrid Zone before and during the emergence and extension of the sugar and slaves complex that came to define this region The book is an invaluable contribution to our understanding of the social political and economic sensibilities to which the operators around the Caribbean subscribed as well as to our understanding of what they did offering in turn a better comprehension of the consequences of their behavior Covering a variety of undertakings especially English but also Dutch Danish French and indigenous this collection makes a welcome contribution to our understanding of a pivotal period in the history of the West Indies Carla Gardina Pestana University of California Los Angeles This illuminating collection of essays brings the Caribbean squarely into the frame of analysis strongly making the case that the experiences and developments of the Caribbean colonies remained crucial to the history of colonial America The contributions cover the centrality of enslaved people s labor and the actions of Indigenous and peoples of African descent who shaped the history of the region through their resistance accommodation and engagement Ignacio Gallup Diaz Bryn Mawr College

The Oxford Illustrated History of the Reformation Peter Marshall, 2015-01-22 The Reformation was a seismic event in history whose consequences are still working themselves out in Europe and across the world The protests against the marketing of indulgences staged by the German monk Martin Luther in 1517 belonged to a long standing pattern of calls for internal reform and renewal in the Christian Church But they rapidly took a radical and unexpected turn engulfing first Germany and then Europe as a whole in furious arguments about how God s will was to be saved However these debates did not remain confined to a narrow sphere of theology They came to reshape politics and international relations social cultural and artistic developments relations between the sexes and the patterns and performances of everyday life They were also the stimulus for Christianity s transformation into a truly global religion as agents of the Roman Catholic Church sought to compensate for losses in Europe with new conversions in Asia and the Americas Covering both Protestant and Catholic reform movements in Europe and across the wider world this beautifully illustrated volume tells the story of the Reformation from its immediate explosive beginnings through to its profound longer term consequences and legacy for the modern world The story is not one of an inevitable triumph of liberty over oppression enlightenment over ignorance Rather it tells how a multitude of rival groups and individuals with or without the support of political power strove after visions of reform And how in spite of themselves they laid the foundations for the plural and conflicted world we now inhabit

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developments in imperial history including interdisciplinary and post colonial perspectives Exploring the links between empire and domestic history it looks at the interconnections and comparisons between empire and imperial power within wider developments in world history covering the period from the Roman to the present American empire The book begins by examining the nature of empire then looks at continuity and change in the historiography of imperialism and theoretical and conceptual developments It covers themes such as the relationship between imperialism and modernity culture and national identity in Britain Suitable for undergraduates taking courses in imperial and colonial history

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**The Victory of Reason** Rodney Stark, 2007-12-18 Many books have been written about the success of the West analyzing why Europe was able to pull ahead of the rest of the world by the end of the Middle Ages The most common explanations cite the West s superior geography commerce and technology Completely overlooked is the fact that faith in reason rooted in Christianity s commitment to rational theology made all these developments possible Simply put the conventional wisdom that Western success depended upon overcoming religious barriers to progress is utter nonsense In **The Victory of Reason** Rodney Stark advances a revolutionary controversial and long overdue idea that Christianity and its related institutions are in fact directly responsible for the most significant intellectual political scientific and economic breakthroughs of the past millennium In Stark s view what has propelled the West is not the tension between secular and nonsecular society nor the pitting of science and the humanities against religious belief Christian theology Stark asserts is the very font of reason While the world s other great belief systems emphasized mystery obedience or introspection Christianity alone embraced logic and reason as the path toward enlightenment freedom and

progress That is what made all the difference In explaining the West s dominance Stark convincingly debunks long accepted truths For instance by contending that capitalism thrived centuries before there was a Protestant work ethic or even Protestants he counters the notion that the Protestant work ethic was responsible for kicking capitalism into overdrive In the fifth century Stark notes Saint Augustine celebrated theological and material progress and the institution of exuberant invention By contrast long before Augustine Aristotle had condemned commercial trade as inconsistent with human virtue which helps further underscore that Augustine s times were not the Dark Ages but the incubator for the West s future glories This is a sweeping multifaceted survey that takes readers from the Old World to the New from the past to the present overturning along the way not only centuries of prejudiced scholarship but the antireligious bias of our own time The Victory of Reason proves that what we most admire about our world scientific progress democratic rule free commerce is largely due to Christianity through which we are all inheritors of this grand tradition

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Spanish control in the Americas in the sixteenth century to the loss of these colonies in the nineteenth century by following the life and afterlife of an accidental martyr San Felipe de Jesús Using Mexico City native San Felipe as the central figure Conover tracks the global aspirations of imperial Spain in places such as Japan and Rome without losing sight of the local forces affecting Catholicism He demonstrates the ways Spanish religious attitudes motivated territorial expansion and transformed Catholic worship Using Mexico City as an example Conover also shows that the cult of saints continually refreshed the spiritual authority of the Spanish monarch and the message of loyalty of colonial peoples to a devout king Such a political message in worship Conover concludes proved contentious in independent Mexico thus setting the stage for the momentous conflicts of the nineteenth century in Latin American religious history **Native and Spanish New Worlds**

Clay Mathers, Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Charles M. Haecker, 2013-04-18 Spanish led entradas expeditions bent on the exploration and control of new territories took place throughout the sixteenth century in what is now the southern United States Although their impact was profound both locally and globally detailed analyses of these encounters are notably scarce Focusing on several major themes social economic political military environmental and demographic the contributions gathered here explore not only the cultures and peoples involved in these unique engagements but also the wider connections and disparities between these borderlands and the colonial world in general during the first century of Native European contact in North America Bringing together research from both the southwestern and southeastern United States this book offers a comparative synthesis of Native European contacts and their consequences in both regions The chapters also engage at different scales of analysis from locally based research to macro level evaluations using documentary paleoclimatic and regional archaeological data No other volume assembles such a wide variety of archaeological ethnohistorical environmental and biological information to elucidate the experience of Natives and Europeans in the early colonial world of Northern New Spain and the global implications of entradas during this formative period in borderlands history *Genocide in the Age of the Nation State* Mark Levene, 2005-08-26 Most books on genocide consider it primarily as a twentieth century phenomenon In *The Rise of the West and the Coming of Genocide* Levene argues that this approach fails to grasp its true origins Genocide developed out of modernity and the striving for the nation state both essentially Western experiences It was European expansion into all hemispheres between the fifteenth and nineteenth centuries that provided the main stimulus to its pre 1914 manifestations One critical outcome on the cusp of modernity was the French revolutionary destruction of the Vendée Levene finishes this volume at the 1914 watershed with the destabilising effects of the rise of the West on older Ottoman Chinese Russian and Austrian empires Very impressive Eric Hobsbawm

**Warriors for a Living** Idan Sherer, 2017-01-05 In *Warriors for a Living* Idan Sherer examines the experience of the Spanish infantry during the formative period of the Italian Wars Decades of clashes between Spain and France transformed Italy into a crucible of military tactics and technology and brought about the emergence of the Spanish infantry tercios as Europe's finest military force for more

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