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Colonial Latin America: A Documentary History



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Synopsis

Colonial Latin America: A Documentary History is a sourcebook of primary texts and images intended for students and teachers as well as for scholars and general readers. The book centers upon people-people from different parts of the world who came together to form societies by chance and by design in the years after 1492. This text is designed to encourage a detailed exploration of the cultural development of colonial Latin America through a wide variety of documents and visual materials, most of which have been translated and presented originally for this collection. Colonial Latin America: A Documentary History is a revision of SR Books' popular Colonial Spanish America. The new edition welcomes a third co-editor and, most significantly, embraces Portuguese and Brazilian materials. Other fundamental changes include new documents from Spanish South America, the addition of some key color images, plus six reference maps, and a decision to concentrate entirely upon primary sources. The book is meant to enrich, not repeat, the work of existing texts on this period, and its use of primary sources to focus upon people makes it stand out from other books that have concentrated on the political and economic aspects. The book's illustrations and documents are accompanied by introductions which provide context and invite discussion. These sources feature social changes, puzzling developments, and the experience of living in Spanish and Portuguese American colonial societies. Religion and society are the integral themes of Colonial Latin America. Religion becomes the nexus for much of what has been treated as political, social, economic, and cultural history during this period. Society is just as inclusive, allowing students to meet a variety of individuals-not faceless social groups. While some familiar names and voices are included-conquerors, chroniclers, sculptors, and preachers-other, far less familiar points of view complement and complicate the better-known narratives

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This text provides a comprehensive look at colonial life in Latin America, with specific emphasis on New Spain (Mexico), during the 1500 and early 1600s. Many of the sources translated in this text are typically not included in many traditional Latin American texts (e.g., references to the Oroz Codex, the Franciscan 12, and specific native commentaries regarding Spanish treatments.) I would recommend this text for those interested in learning more information about the conquest of the New World and its native reactions in both regional and localized contexts. The index and bibliography are excellent for those interested in finding additional research on the subject.

The book arrived on time and was in great condition! I love it! It's very informative and my favorite part about the book is that it has so many primary sources, it really provides a different angle to Latin America than most textbooks.

Kelley Creatives has provided excellent service - the book was as described, in very good condition, and was promptly mailed.I'm totally satisfied, recommend them 5-star.

Honestly, the blurbs before each document are what I got the most out of. The docs themselves aren't always that helpful for research.

Cheap, good condition and what I needed. WHat lese could you ask for. It provided me with the information needed to succeed in my class.

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