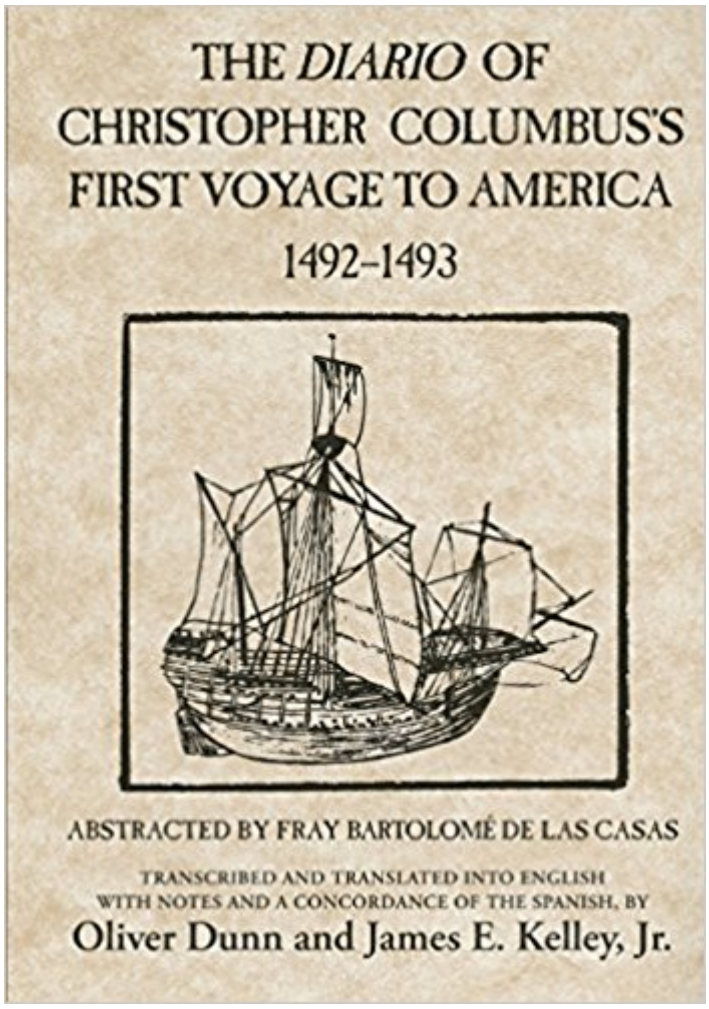
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Synopsis

As the Quincentennial Celebration of Christopher ColumbusÃ¢â ¬â„¢s discovery of America approaches, interest in the voyage, and in the questions surrounding it, continues to grow. This definitive edition of ColumbusÃ¢â ¬â„¢s account of the voyage presents the most accurate printed version of his journal available to date. Unfortunately both ColumbusÃ¢â ¬â„¢s original manuscript, presented to Ferdinand and Isabella along with other evidence of his discoveries, and a single complete copy have been lost for centuries. The primary surviving record of the voyageÃ¢â ¬â œpart quotation, part summary of the complete copyÃ¢â ¬â œis a transcription made by BartolomÃƒÂ© de las Casas in the 1530s. This new edition of the Las Casas manuscript presents its entire contentsÃ¢â ¬â œincluding notes, insertions, and canceled textÃ¢â ¬â œmore accurately, completely, and graphically than any other Spanish text published so far. In addition, the new translation, which strives for readability and accuracy, appears on pages facing the Spanish, encouraging on-the- spot comparisons of the translation with the original. Study of the work is further facilitated by extensive notes, documenting differences between the editorsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ transcription and translation and those of other transcribers and translators and summarizing current research and debates on unanswered current research and debates on unanswered questions concerning the voyage. In addition to being the only edition in which Spanish and English are presented side by side, this edition includes the only concordance ever prepared for the Diario. Awaited by scholars, this new edition will help reduce the guesswork that has long plagued the study of ColumbusÃ¢â ¬â„¢s voyage. It may shed light on a number of issues related to ColumbusÃ¢â ¬â„¢s navigational methods and the identity of his landing places, issues whose resolution depend, at least in part, on an accurate transcription of the Diario. Containing day-by-day accounts of the voyage and the first sighting of land, of the first encounters with the native populations and the first appraisals of his islands explored, and of a suspenseful return voyage to Spain, the Diario provides a fascinating and useful account to historians, geographers, anthropologists, sailors, students, and anyone else interested in the discoveryÃ¢â ¬â œor in a very good sea story.

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Excellent as document. For the "non-educated" reader, editorial notes referring to historical and geographic context would have helped.

Should be required reading in our schools. Excellent.

Great book for history buffs!

Great book

This book offers a great first hand look at Christopher Columbus and his true motives. One of my favorite books. Refreshing read since some are trying to re-write history and describe him negatively.

This is the largest fragment of Columbus's first voyage log, as abstracted by Bartolome de Las Casas. Of the many editions in print, Dunn & Kelley stands head and shoulders above the rest. The format has a new Spanish transcription on the left-hand pages, exactly as hand-written in the original manuscript by Las Casas: same abbreviations, strike-outs, diacriticals, and marginal notes. The right-hand pages contain an English translation.But perhaps the most valuable addition for the scholar is the Spanish concordance of the entire text, giving folio and line numbers for every appearance of almost every word. (Common words such as prepositions are given only with word counts, not references.) All in all, a must-have for any serious scholar or afficianado of the Admiral of the Ocean Sea.

The Diario of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America--compilation and translation by Oliver Dunn & James KelleyThis is an excellent reference and also a good read. It is simply the journal of Columbus himself, with the added plus of having the original Spanish on one side and the English translation on the other, and very little commentary. Thus, the reader gets it straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak.

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