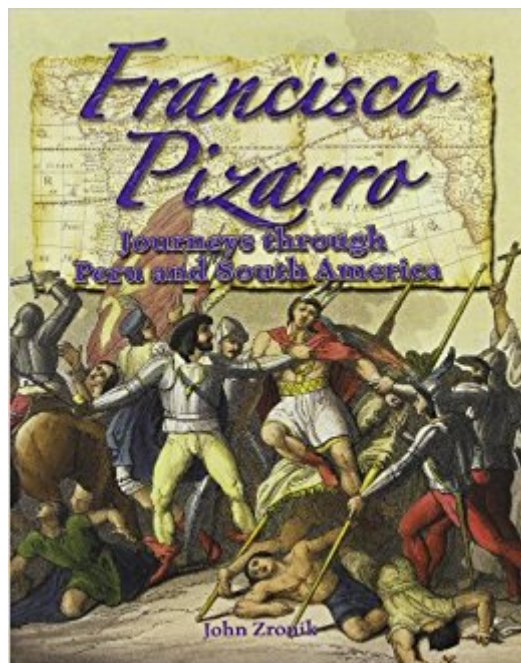




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Francisco Pizarro: Journeys Through Peru And South America (In The Footsteps Of Explorers)



Synopsis

This book is intended for ages 8-14. Inspired by Cortes' discovery in the early 1500s of gold in Mexico, Francisco Pizarro was inspired like many to seek his fortune through expedition. This interesting new book describes the life and travels of Pizarro as a soldier for Spain and of his eventual conquest of Peru. Sensitively written text describes his attack on the Inca capital and his defeat of the last great Inca emperor, Atahualpa. Its features include: maps outlining Pizarro's routes; pirates, such as Francis Drake, during the Age of Exploration; the Inca culture before and after Pizarro's conquest; early navigational and steering equipment; the war between Pizarro and Diego de Almagro; Spain's economic and social state after the conquest of Peru; the Spanish Inquisition's effect on exploration; and life at sea, including unpredictable weather, sickness, and superstitions.

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Customer Reviews

..." There is no sugar-coating of how either of these explorers treated the natives they encountered, their own men, or even their colleagues, in the struggle for power and prestige. Readers who enjoy information in chunks and pieces will take to these volumes...with many renderings of journeys

taken, sights seen, and events unfolded, as well as sidebars containing helpful timelines. Each volume contains a handy glossary and index....Recommended for grades 4-7."

This text is as well-balanced as others in this collection. Readers learn about Pizarro's conquest of the Inca in their search for gold and fame. Although a violent account, Pizarro uses language suitable for children; and it uses text features appropriately, such as side bars, timelines, text boxes, headings, boldfaced words, illustrations, and pictures. The story of this conquest gives us a historical background, a story of the native peoples, and of concepts necessary to understand this historical period. Just like in the Cortes story, this text adds a Probanza text, which explains that what is narrated in this text, mostly relies on the Probanzas, accounts written by the Conquistadors themselves for the purpose of obtaining lands, titles, and fame; and thus, some accounts may have been exaggerated by the Conquistadors themselves. This is, however, a great supplement to the story of exploration and conquest.

My 4th grader and I tried to use this book as a guide for her report on an explorer and it was awful! The language is hard to understand, there are almost no dates listed and no timeline so it's hard to piece together the timeline yourself. The book also doesn't flow very well; the book interrupts itself numerous times to pause and give you background information but it doesn't work and the book feels like it's tripping over itself to provide too much extraneous information. Not a good resource book, keep looking!

Great book for upper elementary-level readers. Purchased it to supplement our 5th grade standards; contains enough features to engage students, accurate info and "extras" without being overwhelming. Perfect amount of background information for this level.

I love this series and this book is no different. Very informational, fun to read, some really great pictures and illustrations that captivate attention. Enough non fiction to use as a research option.

My son needed to do a report on Pizarro and this book was great! Even had some decent depictions. Details on Pizarro could have been a little more indepth, but had information on other events that were related. And he can take an AR test.

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