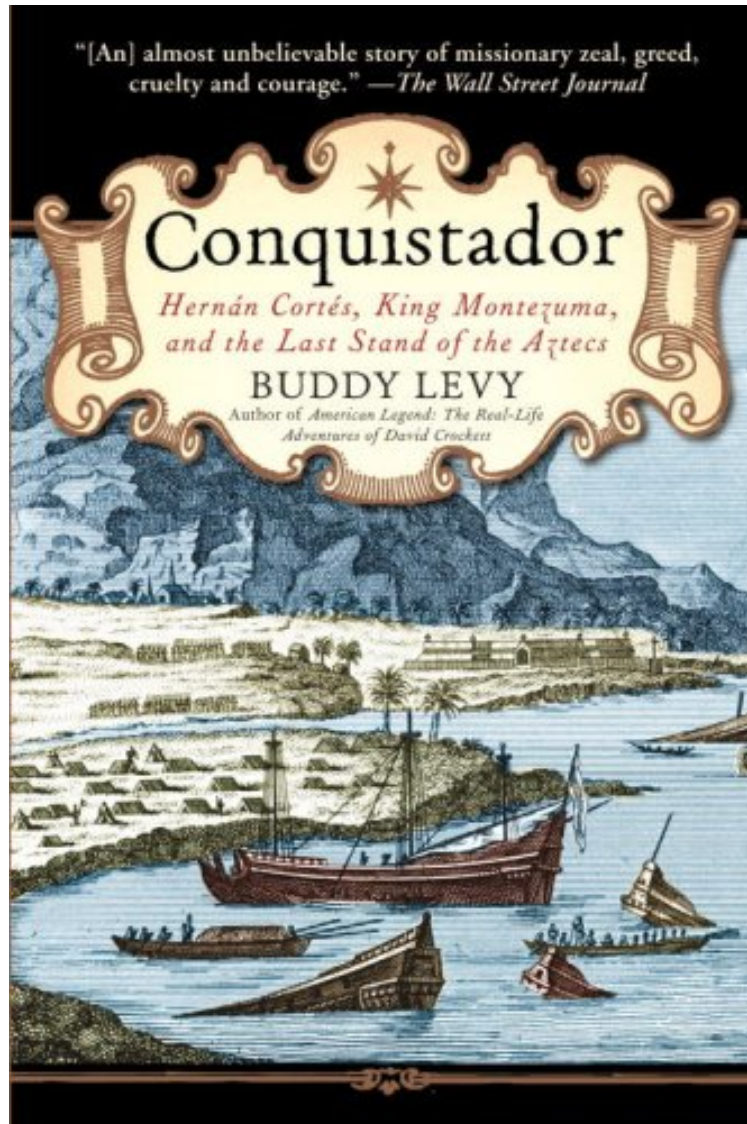


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worthwhile read about the fall of the Aztecs and the consequences of European exploration of the New World. It provides an honest portrayal of Cortes which is rich in detail and scope. Although I knew the ending from high school history, Levy writes with a narrative style that creates suspense, as we follow Cortes from his first steps on the shore, his first encounter with the locals, and the final conflict. It makes you think how we came to be where we are today and the countless stories of conquest that are retold as history by the victors. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Historical Account By Paul R Ryan As an avid reader of history and expedition, this is at this point one of the best books I have ever read. It had me loving, hating and in awe of one of history's two greatest players. Just a fantastic book. The author is amazing in his ability to keep the reader spellbound throughout this story. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Hard to put down. Sure makes me feel for the Aztecs. By Daniel Nesbitt Great book. Easy to read. Gives the history of Cortes shortly before his arrival to his conquest of the Aztec empire. Now I want to know what happened before and after. The way it's written makes it hard to put down. I haven't read anything else about this history so I can't compare it. But I loved it.

In this astonishing work of scholarship that reads like an edge-of-your-seat adventure thriller, acclaimed historian Buddy Levy records the last days of the Aztec empire and the two men at the center of an epic clash of cultures perhaps unequalled to this day. It was a moment unique in human history, the face-to-face meeting between two men from civilizations a world apart. In 1519, Hernn Cortes arrived on the shores of Mexico, determined not only to expand the Spanish empire but to convert the natives to Catholicism and carry off a fortune in gold. That he saw nothing paradoxical in carrying out his intentions by virtually annihilating a proud and accomplished native people is one of the most remarkable and tragic aspects of this unforgettable story. In Tenochtitln Cortes met his Aztec counterpart, Montezuma: king, divinity, commander of the most powerful military machine in the Americas and ruler of a city whose splendor equaled anything in Europe. Yet in less than two years, Cortes defeated the entire Aztec nation in one of the most astounding battles ever waged. The story of a lost kingdom, a relentless conqueror, and a doomed warrior, Conquistador is history at its most riveting.

From Booklist The saga of Cortes, Montezuma, and the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire has been chronicled repeatedly, and with justification, since it is one of the seminal events in world history. There is probably no new information on the conquest left to uncover, but it is a thrilling, moving, and tragic story well worth retelling. Levy is not a professional historian, but he is a fine writer who knows the material, and he is wise enough to allow the pure excitement and drama of the story to unfold naturally. At the center of the tale, of course, are the two protagonists. Cortes is viewed as an intriguing combination of ruthless ambition, religious piety, and surprising tenderness. Montezuma, also deeply religious, was less a man of action than Cortes, and his contemplative nature probably sealed his doom. As Levy illustrates, this was also an earthshaking clash of civilizations that is still working itself out five centuries later. This is a superb work of popular history, ideal for general readers. --Jay Freeman "For sheer drama, no age compares to the age of exploration, no explorers compare to the conquistadors and no conquistador compares to Hernan Cortes. In Buddy Levys finely wrought and definitive Conquistador, the worlds of Cortes and Montezuma collide and come to life. Five hundred years after the conquest, the Cadillo and his prey have been made human. To read Conquistador is to see, hear and feel two cultures in a struggle to the death with nothing less than the fate of the western hemisphere at stake. Prodigiousy researched and stirringly told, Conquistador is a rarity: an invaluable history lesson that also happens to be a page-turning read." Jeremy Schaap, best-selling author of Cinderella Man: James J. Braddock, Max Baer and the Greatest Upset in Boxing History, and Triumph: The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and Hitlers Olympics "Sweeping and majestic...A pulse-quickening narrative." Neal Bascomb, author of Red Mutiny: Eleven Fateful Days on the Battleship Potemkin "A century before the Mayflower, a single man settled the destiny of the Americas far more momentously than the Puritans ever could....Conquistador offers a fascinating account of the first and most decisive of those encounters: the one between the impetuous Spanish adventurer Cortes and Montezuma, the ill-starred emperor of the Aztecs.... [An] almost unbelievable story of missionary zeal, greed, cruelty and courage." Wall Street Journal Drawing heavily on both Spanish and Aztec sources. [Levy stresses] the military strategy, diplomatic initiatives, and personal relationship between Cortes and Aztec emperor Montezuma. Well-written. Highly recommended. Library Journal, starred review A fateful meeting of civilizations. Cortes is front and center in this book. [Levys] description of the final siege on Tenochtitlan is especially dramatic. Associated Press Explores just how far invaders will go to take what they want. Cape Cod Times About the Author Buddy Levy is the author of the recent books No Barriers: A Blind Mans Journey to Kayak the Grand Canyon (with Erik Weihenmeyer), Geronimo: Leadership Strategies of an American Warrior (with Mike Leach), and River of Darkness: Francisco Orellanas Legendary Voyage of Death and Discovery Down the . His other books include Conquistador: Hernn Cortes, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs, which was a finalist for the 2009 Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award and nominated for the 2009 Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award and a 2009 PEN Center USA Award, American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David Crockett, and Echoes on Rimrock: In Pursuit of the Chukar Partridge. His books have been published in six languages. As a freelance journalist, he has covered adventure sports

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