



A Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indies Or, a Faithful Narrative of the Horrid and Unexampled Massacres, Butcheries, and All Manner of Cruelties

By Bartolome De Las Casas

Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Few people read the full account of De Las Casas. Frequently this piece is referenced in excerpts in anthologies. However, should the reader want an authentic and direct account of the real events of the Spaniards treatment of native peoples of the Carribbean and elsewhere, this is the narrative. This can be read in one sitting, and is clearly the work of an informed and intelligent writer. Some extremity of language is apparent, and the author s bias can be seen on nearly every page. For history junkies, this is a wonderful read. Bartolome de Las Casas, born in 1474, came to Cuba with Diego Velazquez s expedition in 1511 as a soldier. In Cuba, he became an encomendero, receiving Indian labor parceled out to the conquistadors. The horrors of the conquest of the Caribbean sparked a religious conversion in him and he became a Dominican friar in 1515. Soon, he made his way to the Central American mainland, where he started missionary work among the Maya in Guatemala. Dubbed later The Apostle to the Indians for his...

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