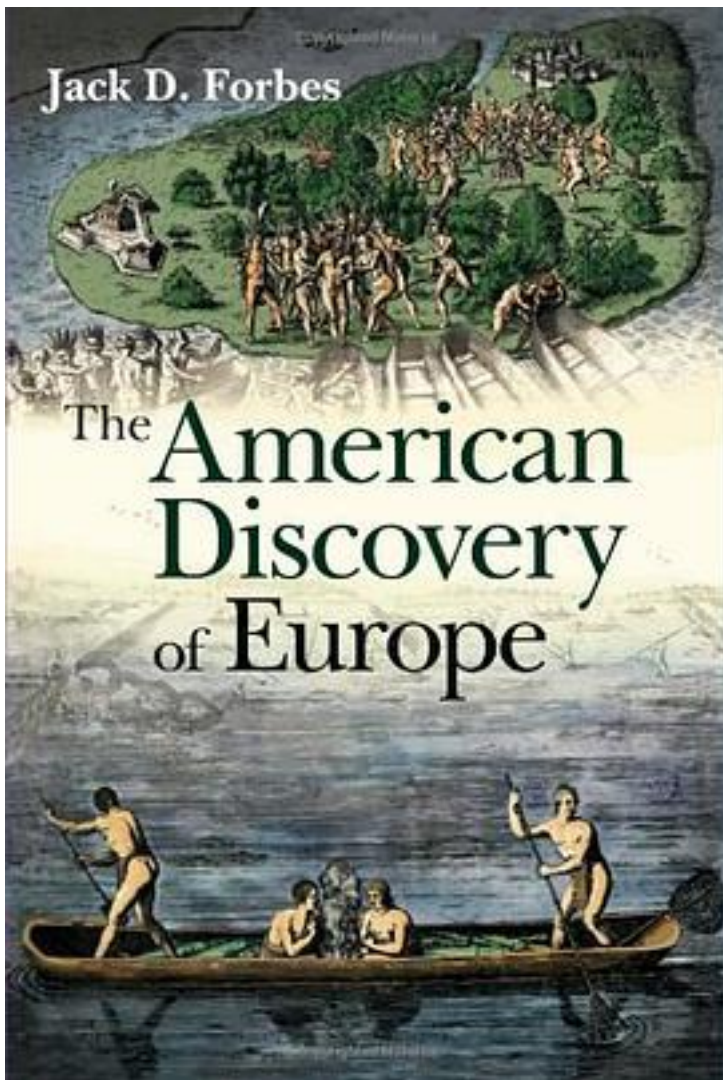


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"The American Discovery of Europe" investigates the voyages of America's Native people to the European continent before Columbus' 1492 arrival in the "New World". The product of over twenty years of exhaustive research in libraries throughout Europe and the United States, Jack D. Forbes employs a vast number of primary and secondary sources to paint a clear picture of the diverse and complex societies that comprised the Americas before 1492 and reveals the surprising Native American involvements in maritime trade and exploration. Starting with an encounter by Columbus himself with mysterious people who had apparently been carried across the Atlantic on favourable currents, Forbes proceeds to a detailed discussion of ocean currents and then to exploring the seagoing expertise of early Americans in the Caribbean, on the coasts of Greenland, and beyond. He also discusses theories of ancient migrations, the evidence for human origins in the Americas, and other early visitors coming from Europe to America, including the Norse. The book closes with a discussion of Native travellers to Europe after 1493, when they came mostly as slaves. The provocative, extensively documented, and heartfelt conclusions of "The American Discovery of Europe" present an open challenge to received historical wisdom. This book will be of lasting importance to Native people and redefine the way future scholarship views American history.

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