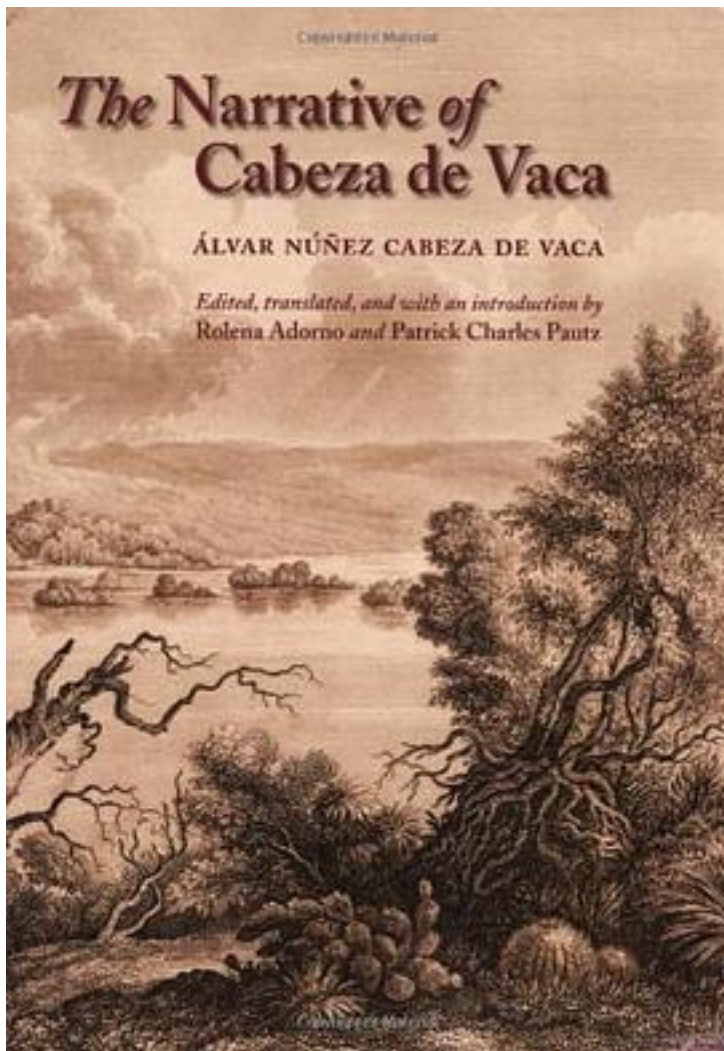


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This edition of Alvar Nunez' Cabeza de Vaca's *Relacion* offers readers Rolena Adorno and Patrick Charles Pautz's celebrated translation of Cabeza de Vaca's account of the 1527 Panfilo de Narvaez expedition to North America. The dramatic narrative tells the story of some of the first Europeans and the first-known African to encounter the North American wilderness and its Native inhabitants. It is a fascinating tale of survival against the highest odds, and it highlights Native Americans and their interactions with the newcomers in a manner seldom seen in writings of the period. In this English-language edition, reproduced from their award-winning three-volume set, Adorno and Pautz supplement the engrossing account with a general introduction that orients the reader to Cabeza de Vaca's world. They also provide explanatory notes, which resolve many of the narrative's most perplexing questions. This highly readable translation fires the imagination and illuminates the enduring appeal of Cabeza de Vaca's experience for a modern audience. Rolena Adorno is the Reuben Post Halleck Professor of Spanish at Yale University and the author of several books, including *Guaman Poma: Writing and Resistance in Colonial Peru*. Patrick Charles Pautz holds an M.A. in Spanish from Princeton University and is an independent scholar. Adorno and Pautz coauthored *Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca: His Account, His Life, and the Expedition of Panfilo de Narvaez* (Nebraska 1999), winner of the American Historical Association's 2001 J. Franklin Jameson Award, the Western Historical Association's 2000 Dwight L. Smith Award, and the New England Council of Latin American Studies 2000 Best Book Award.

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