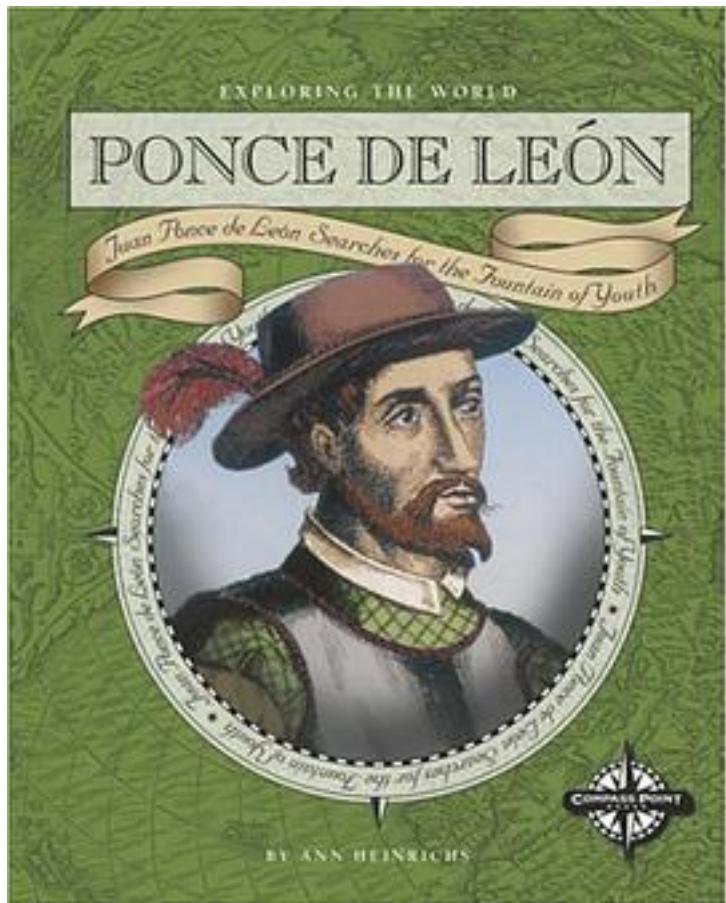


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Famous for his search for the legendary Fountain of Youth, Spanish conquistador Ponce de Leon is credited with the discovery of Florida in 1513. This sensitively written new book describes his encounters with the native inhabitants of Florida and Puerto Rico. Young readers will enjoy learning about life at sea and the hardships faced by his

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