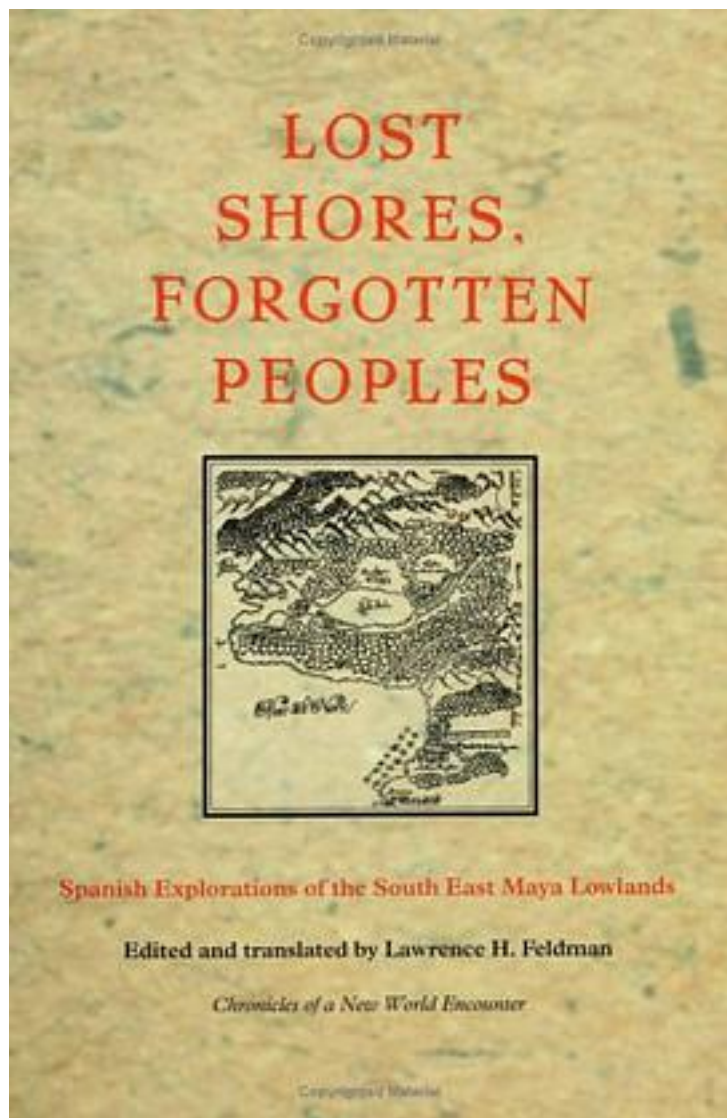


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Long after the Aztecs and the Incas had become a fading memory, a Maya civilisation still thrived in the interior of Central America. "Lost Shores, Forgotten Peoples" is the first collection and translation of important seventeenth-century narratives about Europeans travelling across the great Ocean Sea and encountering a people who had maintained an independent existence in the lowlands of Guatemala and Belize. In these narratives - primary documents written by missionaries and conquistadors - vivid details of these little known Mayan cultures are revealed, answering how and why lowlander independence was able to evade Spanish conquest while similar civilisations could not. Fascinating tales of the journey from Europe are included, involving unknown islands, lost pilots, life aboard a galleon fleet, political intrigue, cannibals, and breathtaking natural beauty. In short, these forgotten manuscripts - translations of the papers of the past - provide an unforgettable look at an understudied chapter in the age of exploration. "Lost Shores, Forgotten Peoples" will appeal to archaeologists, anthropologists, and historians interested in Central America, the Maya, and the Spanish Conquest.

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