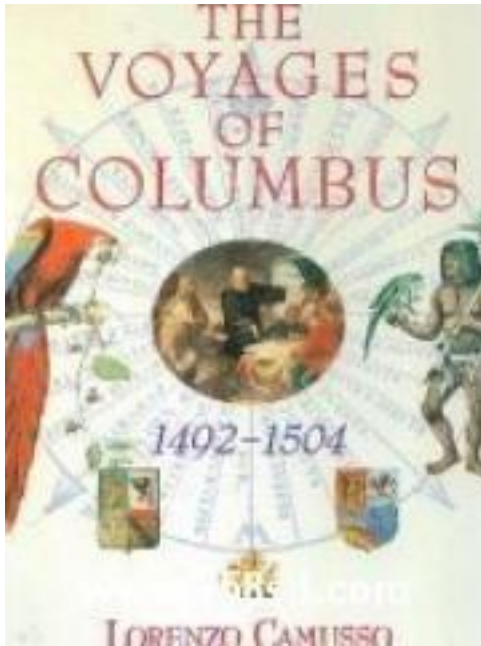


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be sure 14th century Europeans. The r belief > superstitions and myths from was confi)med by classical > earlier ages had already been writings 14th and also by experience > discredited. Educated As can be seen from this 15th > Europeans knew that the centny drawing 14th Colt rebus > contemporaries had observed that > world was round 14th and they objects \"sink\" over the horizon as > were aware that Portuguese n resuh of the cuni 14th ature of the > voyagers to the African earth. > tropics had seen many people beginning of the 15 th > and lush vegetation in the century. Renaissance > Torrid Zone which ancient scholars rediscovered the > writers had described as writings of Ptolemy 14th the > uninhabitable. Greek astronomer and > Still 14th most of the earth s geographer who lived in the > geography 14th and even the 2nd century A.O. His treatise > precise outlines of Europe on geography was translated > itself 14th was a mystery in the into Latin 14th the universal > 15th century. Most \"experts\" language of the time 14th and his > based their view of the world ideas - and the ideas of his > on the opinions of Greek and Arab sources - became > widely known. According to > 15th-ceutury Portuguese sailors Ptolemy 14th the earth s surface > expanded the horizons of the > koown world 14th but the Ocean was was equally divided between > still a great mystery. Many people land and water 14th and his > believed that monstrous creatures 14th followers believed that a vast 14th > like the one pictured below 14th hu ked impassable ocean extended > in its uncharted depths 14th westwards from Europe to > the Far East. > Columbus questioned the > teachings of Ptolemy. He > believed the ocean could be > crossed. But neither he 14th nor > Aristotle 14th nor Ptolemy > guessed a huge undiscovered > continent lay between > - \" ~... ~ 4%Z ~c- ~:... ;c: ~ 14th ~ ~: !: ! ~ ! ~: ~ \" Europe and the Orient. >

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