

# A History of Portugal and the Portuguese Empire

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The Kingdom of Portugal was created as a by-product of the Christian Reconquest of Hispania. With no geographical *raison d'être* and no obvious political roots in its Roman, Germanic, or Islamic pasts, it for long remained a small, struggling realm on Europe's outer fringe. Then, in the early fifteenth century, this unlikely springboard for Western expansion suddenly began to accumulate an empire of its own, eventually extending more than halfway around the globe. *A History of Portugal and the Portuguese Empire*, drawing particularly on historical scholarship postdating the 1974 Portuguese Revolution, offers readers a comprehensive overview and reinterpretation of how all this happened - the first such account to appear in English for more than a generation. Volume I concerns the history of Portugal itself from pre-Roman times to the climactic French invasion of 1807, and Volume II traces the history of the Portuguese overseas empire.

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## 评论

很好的葡萄牙通史，兼顾政治、经济、社会、文化等多个方面。虽然葡萄牙的海外扩张不是本卷重点，但书中的近代早期部分还是时常将国内状况和海外状况联系起来进行说明（例如西葡的合并与分离对葡萄牙海外活动的影响、改宗犹太人（new christian）在葡萄牙海外经济中的作用等等）。

记录几点：1.相比其他欧洲国家，葡几乎没有即时地受到新教和启蒙运动的影响。2.巴西的黄金和钻石暂时挽救了18世纪初期的葡国经济。3.近代早期以来葡英之间的特殊关系（涵盖经济、政治、军事）。这也导致葡在法国大革命期间处境尴尬。4.如果不是葡的海外实力，她可能早已成为西班牙的属国（p333）。

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