

SPANISH HISTORY IN THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL COUNTRY
Florida to California

Following are excellent books by recognized authorities. Facts, dates, and other information carefully stated. There is a wealth of literature and history of the Spanish Period but much of it too general for the average student. These suggestions will be improved as the value of later histories are more clearly understood. As a group the following cover the southern United States quite nicely.

One book, the SOUTHERN BORDERLANDS, by Herbert E. Bolton, is a complete and dependable basic study of the Spanish history, Florida to California. (1921-Textbook. Ed. Yale University Press) For additional reading, the old chronicles are the actual stories of those Spanish pioneers and padres. The more important chronicles will be found translated, indexed, and with explanatory introductions, notes and maps, in these books published by Scribners.....

SPANISH EXPLORERS IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES, 1528-1543, and companion book.

SPANISH EXPLORATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST, 1542-1706.

For old chronicles in the East, see.....

HIST. COLLECTIONS OF LOUISIANA AND FLORIDA, 1527-1702 (1875) by B.F. French. The notes and comments by the author are not dependable; the book is valuable for its old reports.

The following recent studies are good, 2 vols. by Woodbury Lowry, published 1901 and 1905.....

SPANISH SETTLEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, 1513-1561.

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Standard books quite generally accessible are.....

PIONEERS OF FRANCE IN THE NEW WORLD, by Francis Parkman, for the Spanish-French contests in Florida and the East, and Old Louisiana. HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT'S Works, for New Mexico, Arizona, California and Mexico.

A recent excellent book is the HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA, Spanish Period, by Chapman (MacMillan's, 1936) for Upper and Lower California, Arizona and northwest Mexico ---all same sphere of activity.

Any book about the old missions will help tell that story of those great and humane efforts to lead the Indians into a Christian and industrious citizenship--the missions spread from the southern United States to southern South America--missionary and industrial enterprises without parallel in the history of the world.

There are several books about EL DORADO (The Gilded Chief),--that long and romantic search for a golden fairland. The Spaniards sought the Cities of Gold, the Gilded Chief, the Gran Quivira, the Temple of the Sun and other mythical stores of wealth. They did find fabulous riches. The Indians were shrewd in leading the invaders into perilous adventure. The tales of those searches are a part of the ancient Spanish story.

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Old Spanish Trail

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(A book is ready for publication that brings the story of those three centuries of Spanish Occupation to compact and popular form)