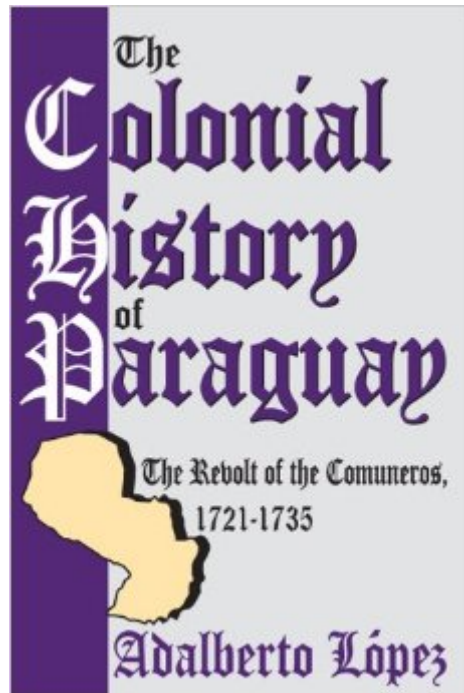


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Synopsis

The Paraguayan revolt of 1721-1735 was the first of several events that presaged the Hispanic American Independence movements of the early nineteenth century. Existing works on the revolt, though, are either too short, superficial, or inaccurate. The Colonial History of Paraguay is an original contribution to the scholarship on this crucial period in Paraguay's history. More than a detailed account of the revolt, the work provides an overview of Paraguay in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, combining politics, economics, and social analysis into an integrated whole. It is the first modern study of a little-known yet significant portion of Hispanic-American history.

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Dr. Lopez begins his narrative of the Comuneros Revolt in the most unlikely of places, Buen Ayre, winter of 1536. Yet it is here that the history of Paraguay and thus the foundation for the revolt begins. Taking us through the establishment of Asuncion in 1537 through the leadership of Irala and Hernandarias, we arrive to a man like Antequera, modeled in the ways and traditions of a very independant mentality. Can we fault Dr. Lopez in his narrative of the Revolt? Perhaps not, but he could have mentioned more about the effect the Jesuits and their economical aspirations had upon the Asunceno society of the early 18th century. All in all, this is a great historical book dealing with a subject that is seldom touched upon by North American historians: Paraguay.

I found the book excellent and very informative. The scope is much broader than what the title hints, it's a history of Paraguay from it's inception to the mid XVIII century, very well documented and very

readable. Maybe, if I have to find a fault, a better review of what was going on in the Jesuit missions area would have helped. If somebody wants to get the full picture, he'll have to go look for some other book on the missions south of the Tebicuary river. Another fault is in the misspelling of "comuneros" in the cover, I am sure that the author was the first to be very annoyed by that.

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