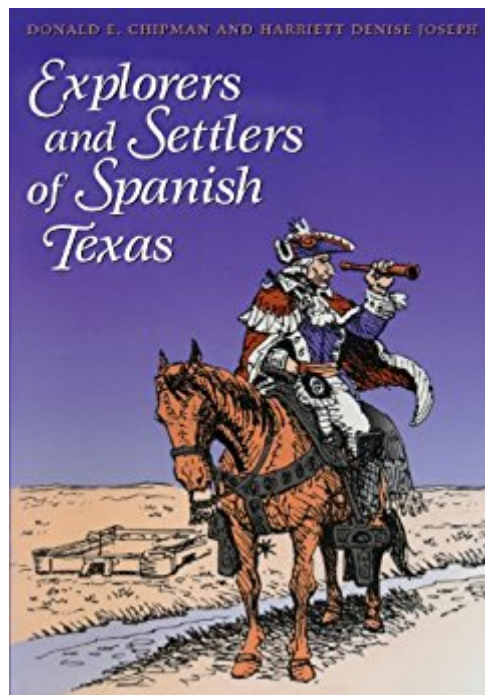




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# Explorers And Settlers Of Spanish Texas: Men And Women Of Spanish Texas



## Synopsis

In *Notable Men and Women of Spanish Texas*, Donald Chipman and Harriett Joseph combined dramatic, real-life incidents, biographical sketches, and historical background to reveal the real human beings behind the legendary figures who discovered, explored, and settled Spanish Texas from 1528 to 1821. Drawing from their earlier book and adapting the language and subject matter to the reading level and interests of middle and high school students, the authors here present the men and women of Spanish Texas for young adult readers and their teachers. These biographies demonstrate how much we have in common with our early forebears. Profiled in this book are: Alvar N  ez Cabeza de Vaca: Ragged Castaway Francisco V  zquez de Coronado: Golden Conquistador Mar  a de Agreda: Lady in Blue Alonso de Le  n: Texas Pathfinder Domingo Ter  n de los R  os / Francisco Hidalgo: Angry Governor and Man with a Mission Louis St. Denis / Manuela S  nchez: Cavalier and His Bride Antonio Margil de Jes  s: God's Donkey Marqu  s de San Miguel de Aguayo: Chicken War Redeemer Felipe de R  bago y Ter  n: Sinful Captain Jos   de Escand  n y Elguera: Father of South Texas Athanase de M  zi  res: Troubled Indian Agent Domingo Cabello: Comanche Peacemaker Marqu  s de Rub   / Antonio Gil Ibarvo: Harsh Inspector and Father of East Texas Bernardo Guti  rrez de Lara / Joaqu  n de Arredondo: Rebel Captain and Vengeful Royalist Women in Colonial Texas: Pioneer Settlers Women and the Law: Rights and Responsibilities

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## Customer Reviews

This book was written as a school text but deserves a place on a serious reference shelf. I'm a tour guide and am using it to tell the stories of some of the people that explored our part of Texas. Tourists can "see" the Alamo or Mission San Jose (or any of our other missions), but it takes a bit of explaining to understand the huge impact made by the men and women who went through those walls. This is an easy read in that it is written in a conversational style that avoids the "I'm a history book and you will memorize the names and dates" routine. Instead, we get a peek at what the explorers were really like.

Gave this as a gift and the young man who received it is very pleased as it concerns one of his deep interests, Texas history, and it speaks to his paternal Hispanic roots, too.

I really enjoyed this book. Very easy read and kept me interested. I read only Texas history books and this was very informative.

Authors Donald Eugen Chipman and Harriett Denise Joseph have authored an outstanding book on Spanish Explorers documenting their experiences exploring Texas from the 1500's thru to the 1700's. Not only does this book give the history of Spanish Exploration of Texas but also about the Colonial Spanish Culture in Texas as well as the culture of Native Americans and the Tejano's as well. This book was written and published for secondary junior and senior high students, but also could work well in College Texas history classes as well. The book has the following chapters about the explorers and their observations: Chapter One: Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca (Ragged Castaway) Chapter Two: Francisco Vazquez de Coronado (Golden Conquistador), Chapter Three: Maria de Agreda (The Lady in Blue), Chapter Four: Alonso de Leon (Texas Pathfinder), Chapter Five: Domingo Teran de los rios/Francisco Hidalgo (Angry Governor and Man with a Mission), Chapter Six: Louis St. Denis/Manuela Sanches (Cavalier and His Bride), Chapter Seven: Antonio Margil de Jesus (God's Donkey), Chapter Eight: Marques de San Miguel de Aguayo (Chicken War Redeemer), Chapter Nine: Felipe de Rabago y Teran (Sinful Captain), Chapter Ten: Jose de

Escandon y Elguera (Father of South Texas), Chapter Eleven: Athanase de Mezieres (Troubled Indian Agent), Chapter Twelve: Domingo Cabello (Comanche Peacemaker), Chapter Thirteen: Maques de Rubi/Antonio Gil Ibarvo (Harsh Inspector and Father of East Texas), Chapter Fourteen: Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara/Joaquin de Arredondo, Chapter Fifteen: Women in Colonial Texas (Pioneer Settlers), Chapter Sixteen: Women and the Law (Rights and Responsibilities). In this book you learn about the daring men who explored Texas and the people they encountered in their journey. You also learn the good and bad that came with exploration and some of the harsh treatment the Spanish instituted on the Native Americans in Texas. Interesting chapters explain the role of Colonial Spanish Women in Texas and their history of influencing many Tejanos and settlements. The journey of the book begins with the famous account of Spaniard Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca and how he was a captive of the Native Americans and his observations and journey are fascinating to read. The other explorers history is just as captivating, yet also some were downright cruel towards anyone who wasn't Spanish. After reading this book, it is easy to see why Texas was such a prized colony of Spain and later Mexico. The land was magnificent to settle, the people of the Colonies were tough and hard working, and the different cultures throughout Texas made for interesting relations between each other and the Spanish. This is an outstanding book for anyone interested in Texas and Colonial Spanish History. It is a great read that not only should be used in junior and senior high Texas History classes but also at the college level. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

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