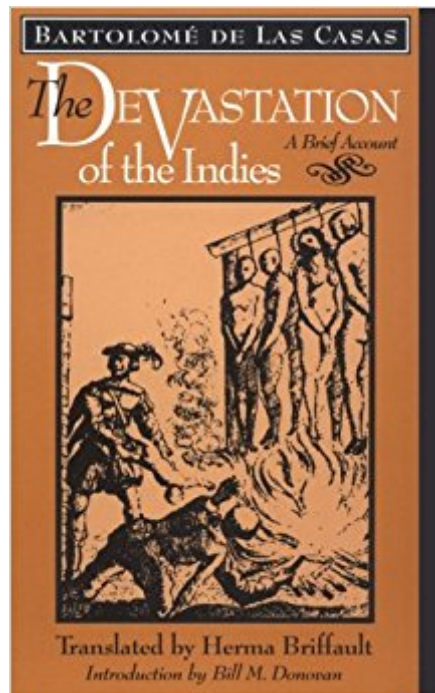




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# The Devastation Of The Indies: A Brief Account



## Synopsis

Five hundred years after Columbus's first voyage to the New World, the debate over the European impact on Native American civilization has grown more heated than ever. Among the first--and most insistent--voices raised in that debate was that of a Spanish priest, Bartolome de Las Casas, acquaintance of Cortes and Pizarro and shipmate of Velasquez on the voyage to conquer Cuba. In 1552, after forty years of witnessing--and opposing--countless acts of brutality in the new Spanish colonies, Las Casas returned to Seville, where he published a book that caused a storm of controversy that persists to the present day. *The Devastation of the Indies* is an eyewitness account of the first modern genocide, a story of greed, hypocrisy, and cruelties so grotesque as to rival the worst of our own century. Las Casas writes of men, women, and children burned alive "thirteen at a time in memory of Our Redeemer and his twelve apostles." He describes butcher shops that sold human flesh for dog food ("Give me a quarter of that rascal there, " one customer says, "until I can kill some more of my own"). Slave ship captains navigate "without need of compass or charts, " following instead the trail of floating corpses tossed overboard by the ship before them. Native kings are promised peace, then slaughtered. Whole families hang themselves in despair. Once-fertile islands are turned to desert, the wealth of nations plundered, millions killed outright, whole peoples annihilated. In an introduction, historian Bill M. Donovan provides a brief biography of Las Casas and reviews the controversy his work produced among Europeans, whose indignation--and denials--lasted centuries. But the book itself is short. "Were I to describe all this, " writes Las Casas of the four decades of suffering he witnessed, "no amount of time and paper could encompass this task."

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Text: English (translation) Original Language: Spanish

Hans Magnus Enzensberger reviewed de las Casas's book, I'm sure, but not this particular translation. I got this on Nov. 30, 2012, and inside the back cover it says "printed Nov. 27, 2012." I looked for the name of the translator, and it says "New Translation: Sara Gordons." It's published by BNPublishing.net, a company of which I'd never heard (but I don't hold that against them.) Everything about it says this is a vanity press, and that Sara Gordon paid to have it printed and distributed. There is a short, virulently anti-papist introduction, unattributed; there are mistakes in the text that involve grammar and punctuation that bespeak hasty and editor-free publication. I'm not an expert in Spanish, but I am qualified to translate German to English, so I know the difficulties involved. I also know how very different competent translations can be from incompetent ones. It just seems that there should be more information about this book and about its translator than is given in its description, because it is indeed a rather spare book.

The book smelled really bad. It was such a pain to read something that stinks.

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