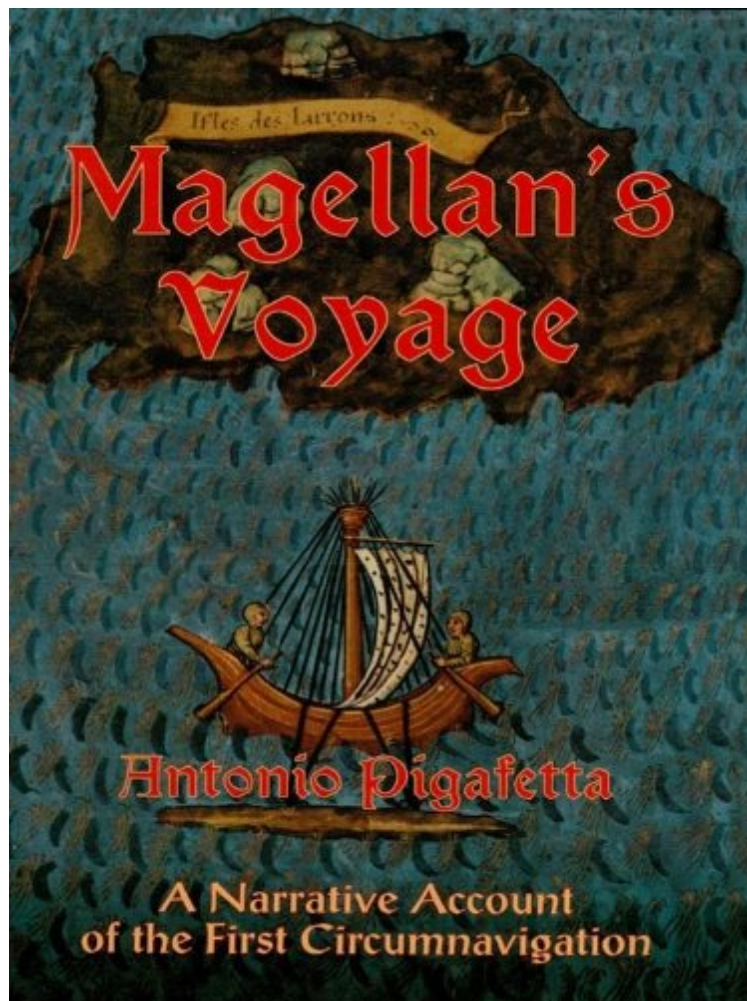


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Main surviving account of first circumnavigation of globeVon Ein KundeThis is an amazing detailed account written by one of the men who sailed on Magellan's voyage to the spice island of Molucca (1519-1521). This is also the principal first-

hand source that we have today. Good in its descriptions of actions and thorough, all things considered, in anthropological details. It reads somewhat more like a log than a story. The translator fails sometimes to explain enigmatic wording, which is not easily conveyed to a modern reader, and expends a great number of the footnotes pointing out differences between this translation of the French MS and the Italian MS which may have better been executed with brackets. However, it is a difficult book to give a star-rating to. Even with the tremendous significance of the voyage that led to the first circumnavigation of the globe, and the details including collections of native words, I found this book lacked grip as a reading experience. For what amounts to only about 100 pages, I found it work to get through a couple chapters in a day. 48 chapters total, and 28 black and white maps from the French edition. But don't let this impression steer you away if you have a genuine interest in the event. This is the book to get for that.

KurzbeschreibungIn 1519, Ferdinand Magellan, leading an expedition of five ships and over 270 men, set sail from Spain in search of the Spice Islands. Three years later, one ship returned to port with just 18 men. Magellan was not among the survivors, having been killed in the Philippines. But the remainder of his party, quite inadvertently, had been first to circumnavigate the world. One of the survivors of the voyage was Antonio Pigafetta, a young Italian nobleman and volunteer member of the crew. His diligent and detailed accounting of the expedition is the fullest, most valuable narrative of the voyage and one of the most important geographical documents known. As R. A. Skelton observes in the Introduction, Pigafetta brought to his task of recording a capacity for keen observation, sympathetic interpretation, and expressive communication of experience, which enabled him to produce one of the most remarkable documents in the history of geographical and ethnological discovery. Fortunately for us, Pigafetta recorded all the things that had occurred day by day during our voyage. In addition to naval and military battles and maneuvers, Pigafetta faithfully documented plants and animals, manners and customs, languages and geography of lands and seas never before seen by Europeans. What Magellan and his party did, and what Pigafetta saw and recorded so well, forever changed our concept of the world and vastly enlarged our knowledge of it. This remarkable narrative brings that epochal event vividly to life. R. A. Skelton, who prepared the excellent translation and commentary, was formerly on the staff of the British Museum.