



Amerigo: The Man Who Gave His Name to America

By William P Reynolds Professor of History Felipe Fernandez-Armesto

Random House Trade, United States, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 202 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In Amerigo, the award-winning scholar Felipe Fernandez-Armesto answers the question What s in a name? by delivering a rousing flesh-and-blood narrative of the life and times of Amerigo Vespucci. Here we meet Amerigo as he really was: a rogue and raconteur who counted Christopher Columbus among his friends and rivals; an amateur sorcerer who attained fame and honor through a series of disastrous failures and equally grand self-reinventions. Filled with well-informed insights and amazing anecdotes, this magisterial and compulsively readable account sweeps readers from Medicean Florence to the Sevillian court of Ferdinand and Isabella, then across the Atlantic of Columbus to the brave New World where fortune favored the bold. Amerigo Vespucci emerges from these pages as an irresistible avatar for the age of exploration-and as a man of genuine achievement as a voyager and chronicler of discovery. And now, in Amerigo, this mercurial and elusive figure finally has a biography to do full justice to both the man and his remarkable era. Praise for Amerigo Wonderfully idiosyncratic and intelligent. - The New York Times Book Review Fascinating



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