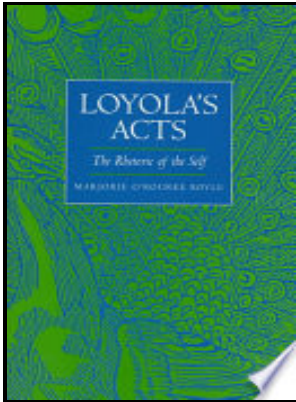


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He invented a waking dream of Cola surrounded by masses of brave men in the center of the world on a peak that pierced the skies.

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He lingered an instant at the church-door, crossed himself foolishly with holy water, then passed out into the early morning bustle of the streets.

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Were the prudent man to be given a free choice, he would so live that there would never be need of bravery; for nothing would ever happen to him that would compel him to make any call upon it.

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Everywhere honors were paid them. The Operatic Christopher Columbus: Three Hundred Years of Musical Mythology III. If you read beneath the surface, however, you will be convinced that he does not so much pay honor to this throng of gods with their empty names, but rather exposes them to ridicule.

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Had they not spied Franciscus under the laurel, plaiting its leaves into a crown? So it will be found that men with the creative faculty have always been lovers. You have aspired to that rarest of praise, hitherto granted to none of our emperors—the praise of being thoroughly upright.

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Whenever his bones were exhumed and exposed, the atmosphere would darken and the wind would rise so that the sea swelled and raged about the Neapolitan castle in which they had been interred.



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