## MAGELLAN'S VOYAGE – TRANSLATION AND FACSIMILE OF A MANUSCRIPT RECORDING THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GLOBE – WRITTEN BY AN ITALIAN EXPLORER WHO ACCOMPANIED MAGELLAN

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Italian explorer Antonio Pigafetta (c. 1491-1531) was one of the few men to circumnavigate the globe with the famous Ferdinand Magellan (c. 1480-1521) and survive the trip. Upon returning to his native Venice, Pigafetta told the tale in a journal, a rare manuscript copy of which now resides at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University. Pigafetta's journal is reproduced in this two-volume set from Yale University Press. Volume one includes an English translation and commentary by cartographical historian Dr. Raleigh Ashlin Skelton, and volume two is a color facsimile of the Beinecke's copy of the manuscript in its original French. Both volumes have cream board covers embossed with compass designs on the front covers. They fit into a bifurcated, red board slipcover adorned with an image from the manuscript. They are in fine condition with only the most minor signs of use. These books have a little bit of something for everyone – history, adventure, maps and charts, accounts of once-exotic locals, full-page color illustrations, and a beautiful reproduction of an elegant and rare manuscript.

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