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The Shipwrecked Man's Secret



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The confidence with which Columbus set out on his voyage to the Indies and his later discovery the New World has been the target of a great deal of speculation. How could the Admiral have been so confident about which route to take? In this respect, there have been many theories, yet to be proven – everything to do with the explorer seems to be steeped in mystery – which indicate that during his stay on the island of Madeira, when he was married to the daughter of the governor, Felipa Moniz de Perestrelo, the Genoese sailor, whose ambition it was to find a shorter sea route than that taken by land by Vasco da Gama, took in a shipwrecked man who came from those latitudes. The theories go that what that man confessed to Columbus was crucial to the later success of the expedition. Written in a prose style that reflects that of the historical era, in this novel José Luis Muñoz brings to a close what he has already written on this topic.

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