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## **DE SOTO AND THE SOUTHEAST: RECOMMENDED READINGS**

### **THE SOURCES:**

Lawrence A. Clayton, Vernon J. Knight, and Edward C. Moore, eds.,  
**The De Soto Chronicles: the Expedition of Hernando De Soto to North America**  
in 1539-1543 (2 volumes, 1993)

### **BASIC ACCOUNTS:**

Charles Hudson, **Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the**  
South's Ancient Chiefdoms (1997; "30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition" with new preface by  
Robbie Ethridge, 2018)

David Ewing Duncan, **Hernando de Soto: A Savage Quest in the Americas** (1995)

William Sanders, **Conquest: Hernando de Soto and the Indians: 1539-1543** (2003)

### **ESSAY COLLECTIONS:**

Charles Hudson and Carmen Chaves Tesser, eds., **The Forgotten Centuries: Indians and**  
Europeans in the American South, 1521-1704 (1994)

David Hurst Thomas, ed., **Columbian Consequences**, volume 2: **Archaeological and**  
**Historical Perspectives on the Spanish Borderlands East** (1990)

Patricia Galloway, ed., **The Hernando de Soto Expedition: History, Historiography, and**  
"Discovery" in the Southeast (1997)

Vernon J. Knight, ed., **The Search for Mabila: the Decisive Battle between Hernando de**  
Soto and Chief Tascalusa (2009)

David H. Dye and Cheryl Anne Cox, eds., **Towns and Temples Along the Mississippi**  
(1990)

Gloria A. Young and Michael P. Hoffman, eds., **The Expedition of Hernando de Soto**  
**West of the Mississippi, 1541-43** (1993)

### **INDIANS OF THE SOUTHEAST:**

Charles Hudson, **The Southeastern Indians** (1976)

### **ARCHAEOLOGY:**

Charles R. Ewen and John H. Hann, **Hernando de Soto Among the Apalachee: The Archaeology of the First Winter Encampment** (1998)

Adam King, **Etowah: The Political History of a Chiefdom Capital** (2003)

Vernon James Knight Jr. and Vincas P. Steponaitis, eds., **Archaeology of the Moundville Chiefdom** (1998)

Marvin T. Smith, **Coosa: The Rise and Fall of a Southeastern Mississippian Chiefdom** (2000)

### **FLORIDA:**

Charles R. Ewen and John H. Hann, **Hernando de Soto among the Apalachee: The Archaeology of the First Winter Encampment** (1998)

Jerald T. Milanich and Charles Hudson, **Hernando de Soto and the Indians of Florida** (1993)

### **PERSONAL ACCOUNTS:**

Charles M. Hudson, **Conversations with the High Priest of Coosa** (2003)

Joyce Rockwood Hudson, **Looking for De Soto: A Search Through the South for the Spaniard's Trail** (1993)

### **OTHER ARTICLES AND ESSAYS (PREHISTORY):**

Adam King, "Long-Term Histories of Mississippian Centers: The Developmental Sequence of Etowah and Its Comparison to Moundville and Cahokia," **Southeastern Archaeology** 20(1), Summer 2001.

### **OTHER ARTICLES AND ESSAYS (DE SOTO):**

Charles Hudson, "An Unknown South: Spanish Explorers and Southeastern Chiefdoms," in George Sabo and William Schneider, eds., **Visions and Revisions: Ethnohistoric Perspectives on Southern Cultures** (1987).

Marvin T. Smith, "Aboriginal Population Movements in the Postcontact Southeast," in Robbie Ethridge and Charles Hudson, eds., **The Transformation of the Southeastern Indians, 1540-1760** (2002).

Gene Waddell. "Cofitachequi: A Distinctive Culture, Its Identity, and Its Location," **Ethnohistory** 52(2), Spring 2005....*a more traditional/older school approach.*

C. Hudson, R. Beck, C. DePratter, R. Ethridge and J Worth, "On Interpreting Cofitachequi," **Ethnohistory** 55(3), Summer 2008....*a critique of Waddell's article, defending the newer approach to Southern prehistory and protohistory.*

Robin A. Beck, Jr., "From Joara to Chiaha: Spanish Exploration of the Appalachian Summit Area, 1540-1568," **Southeastern Archaeology** 16(2), Winter 1997.

C. Hudson, M. Smith, D. Hally, R. Polhemus, and C. DePratter, "Coosa: A Chiefdom in the Sixteenth Century Southeastern United States," **American Antiquity** 50(4), Oct. 1985.

Adam King, "De Soto's Itaba and the Nature of Sixteenth Century Paramount Chiefdoms," **Southeastern Archaeology** 18(2), Winter 1999.

Gregory A. Mikell and Keith J. Little, "An Archaeological Investigation of the Doctor Lake Site (1Ck219): A Search for the Sixteenth-Century Mabila Battlefield," **Journal of Alabama Archaeology** 45(1), 1999.

James E. Bruseth and Nancy A. Kenmotsu, "From Naguatex to the River Daycao: The Route of the Hernando de Soto Expedition through Texas," **North American Archaeologist** 14(3), 1993.

#### **OTHER ARTICLES AND ESSAYS (INDIAN WARFARE):**

David H. Dye, "The Art of War in the Sixteenth-Century Central Mississippi Valley," in Patricia Kwachka, ed., **Perspectives on the Southeast** (1994)

David H. Dye, "The Transformation of Mississippian Warfare: Four Case Studies from the Mid-South," in E. Arkush and M. Allen, eds., **The Archaeology of Warfare** (2006)

David H. Dye, "Warfare in the Sixteenth-Century Southeast: The de Soto Expedition in the Interior," in D. H. Thomas, ed., **Columbian Consequences** (1990)

George R. Milner, "Warfare in Prehistoric and Early Historic Eastern North America," **Journal of Archaeological Research**, 7(2), June 1999

Karl T. Steinen, "Ambushes, Raids, and Palisades: Mississippian Warfare in the Interior Southeast," **Southeastern Archaeology**, 11(2), Winter 1992

Lewis H. Larson, "Functional Considerations of Warfare in the Southeast During the Mississippi Period," **American Antiquity**, 37(3), July 1972

### **LATER SPANISH EXPEDITIONS:**

Charles Hudson, Marvin Smith, Chester DePratter, and Emilia Kelley, "The Tristan de Luna Expedition, 1559-1561," **Southeastern Archaeology**, 8 (1), Summer 1989.

Charles Hudson, **The Juan Pardo Expeditions: Exploration of the Carolinas and Tennessee, 1566-1568** (1990)

### **FICTION:**

Piers Anthony, **Tatham Mound** (1991)...*Teller of Tales, a Florida Indian, narrates his story and those of others from Illinois to Mexico. He and his family are caught up in the de Soto expedition.*

W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neil Gear, **Coming of the Storm** (2010)...*first volume of a series, "Contact: the Battle for America," telling the story of the de Soto expedition from the Indian (in this volume, Timucuan) viewpoint. Book two is **Fire the Sky** (2011).*

Andrew Lytle, **At the Moon's Inn** (1941, reprinted 1990)...*a vivid and accurate portrayal of the Spanish viewpoint. To "sleep at the Moon's Inn" is a Spanish proverb for sleeping outdoors, which de Soto's men certainly did.*