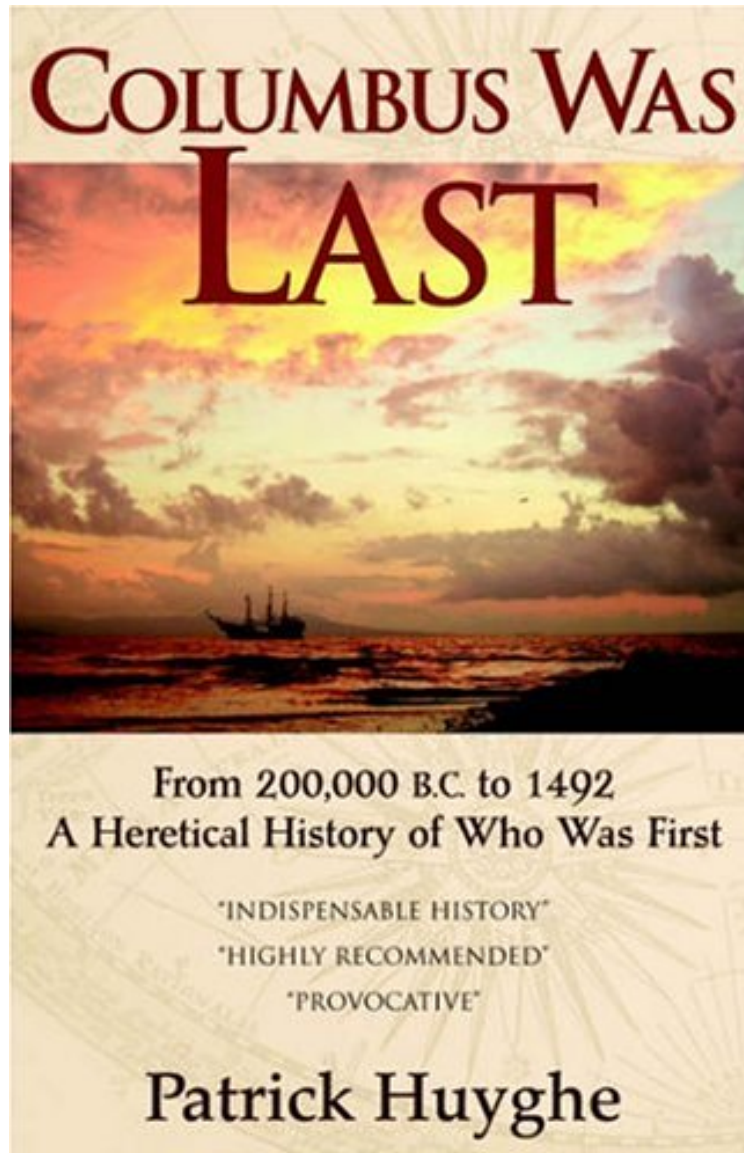


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the Americas had become a melting pot of cultures long before the illustrious Italiannavigator brought his three ships up through the Caribbean. After reading *Columbus Was Last*, the notion that America was isolated from the time the first people settled here tens of thousands of years ago until Columbus set foot on this continent will indeed sound far-fetched. About the Author Patrick Huyghe is a writer, editor, and television producer. He spent two decades writing about science for magazines from *Omni* to *Discover*; produced television documentaries for WGBH and WNET; and is the author of nine books.