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Mascarenhas Barreto : The Portuguese Columbus: Secret Agent of King John II before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Portuguese Columbus: Secret Agent of King John II:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An extraordinary work...By PhilipAs to the question posed by at least 2 reviewers, why has the community of historians not taken more notice of this, surely the answer is provided by the rather unsympathetic review by William F. Young; they would rther that original researchers such as Mr Barreto went back to their back rooms and left the historians to their illusions/delusions. Official mythology dies hard especially when it has the backing of the religious establishment.Mr Barretos masterpiece takes more than one reading. Granted some of it does seem a little fanciful, but there is more than enough solid information to make up for that. In fact, the work when taken as a whole, is far more than the sum of its parts; it can give the reader a completely new world view of western culture. It is for this reason that the 'historical-religious establishment' finds it so dangerous.It retells western history and puts Jewish and Templar interests there far more emphatically than has been done previously. It makes a very worthy attempt, without much fanfare, to illuminate the previously unseen powers and intelligencesbehind and underlying Western European history. It is not a 'Holy Blood, Holy Grail' or a 'da VinciCode'. It is in my opinion more interesting than those.I would recommend reading 'Jewish Merchant Adventurers. A study of the Radanites. With maps'by Rabinowitz either together with or after this work. It tells the story of the international Jewish trading networks that spanned the Eurasian world from Roman times to the Age of Exploration. It was they

who were largely responsible for much of what Mr Barreto describes. However, it is a very rare book, difficult to find and can be rather expensive. It does however, like Mr Barreto's book, give a unique insight into the realities of late medieval/early modern trade and exploration, and the influences behind these. Thank you Mr Barreto (and Mr Rabinowitz) for your efforts. 13 of 15 people found the following review helpful. The truth, my lord, the truth only. By Luciano Manuel There are really no adequate adjectives to label this work. This breakthrough work of art is a fantastic challenge to all historians that ever dared to whisper the word Columbus in their thoughts. It is obvious that the so-called professional historian community is not going to like what Barreto explains with extraordinary detail because they would only be acknowledging their own ignorance. There is a multibillion dollar industry living under the myth of a Genoese Columbus and offering false documents to prove it. There are books based on those false documents written by people with "a name" in the historian community begging the public to perpetuate the lie because in all honesty, they can't sleep at night with their hard pillow filled with corrupted cash. To date no historian has successfully challenged Mr. Barreto's arguments. Why? I tell you why. Because Mr. Barreto is most probably right and all those Samuel Morisons out there will die first before they admit to it. 9 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Intrigue, adventure, politics, history. An amazing book! By A Customer The amazing investigative work of Barreto proves Columbus was (1) a spy, (2) Portuguese (NOT Italian), and (3) JEWISH! Barreto breaks the secret code of Columbus' signature and exposes the explorer's covert life. The book is filled with history, adventure, politics, and intrigue. THE MISSION: To foil Spain's quest for India. THE REWARD: Discovery of a New World and Portugal's rise as a global power. The author examines the circumstances which led to the oppression of Jews in Europe, and how this forced secrecy gave Columbus the opportunity to become one of the greatest covert agents in history. The discoveries in this book are so astounding, one wonders why this book is not getting greater attention. This book is intensely satisfying. The amount of information in the book is so vast, you have to read it more than once; but you'll love every minute of it!

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From Library Journal This unique study argues, unconvincingly, that Christopher Columbus was not an Italian but a Portuguese working secretly for his nation's king. His mission was to protect Portugal's Eastern overseas trade route to India by diverting the Spanish monarchs into a scheme of reaching the East by sailing west. The evidence supposedly proving Columbus's true identity depends to a great extent on the allegedly cabalistic code of his signature. Prominent historians have already pointed out the many errors contained in the original Portuguese edition of this book, and the English version is not recommended, although libraries might expect a demand from those interested in conspiracy. For recently recommended titles about Columbus, see "Rediscovering Columbus," LJ 8/91, p. 120-22, as well as Claudia L. Bushman's *America Discovers Columbus: How an Italian Explorer Became an American Hero*, reviewed below. --Ed.- William F. Young, SUNY at Albany Lib. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. Language Notes Text: English (translation) Original Language: Portuguese