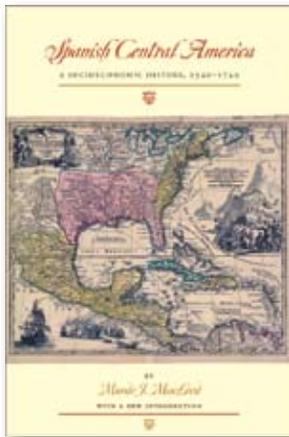


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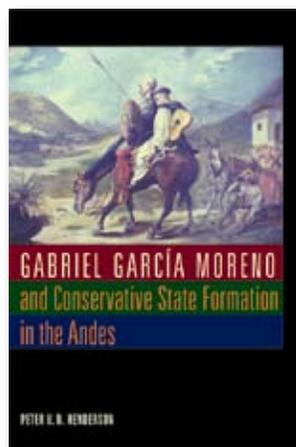
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Murdo J. MacLeod is Emeritus Professor of History of the University of Florida at Gainesville.



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In sum, this book enriches our understanding of many of the notions of state formation by suggesting that conservatives like García Moreno envisioned a program of material progress and promoting national unity under a very different formula from that of nineteenth-century liberals.

Peter V. N. Henderson is Professor of History at Winona State University in Minnesota. He is author of, most recently, In the Absence of Don Porfirio: Francisco León de la Barra and the Mexican Revolution.

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