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Knobler weaves a broad history of early modern Iberian imperial expansion within the context of a history of cosmologies and mythologies.
