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In *Histories of Infamy*, Cristian Roa-de-la-Carrera explores Francisco Lopez de Gomara's (1511-ca.1559) attempt to ethically reconcile Spain's civilizing mission with the conquistadors' abuse and exploitation of Native peoples. The most widely read account of the conquest in its time, Gomara's *Historia general de las Indias y Conquista de Mexico* rationalized the conquistadors' crimes as unavoidable evils in the task of bringing "civilization" to the New World. Through an elaborate defense of Spanish imperialism, Gomara aimed to convince his readers of the merits of the conquest, regardless
