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This volume presents the story of Hernando Cortés's conquest of Mexico, as recounted by a contemporary Spanish historian and edited by Mexico's premier Nahuatl historian. Francisco López de Gómara's monumental *Historia de las Indias y Conquista de México* was published in 1552 to instant success. Despite being banned from the Americas by Prince Philip of Spain, the conquest fell into the hands of the seventeenth-century Nahuatl historian Chimalpahin, who took it upon himself to make a copy of the tome. As he copied, Chimalpahin rewrote large sections of *La conquista*, adding information about Emperor Moctezuma and other key indigenous people who participated in those first encounters. Chimalpahin's *Conquest* is thus not only the first complete modern English translation of López de Gómara's *La conquista*, an invaluable source in itself of information about the conquest and native peoples; it also adds Chimalpahin's unique perspective of Nahuatl culture to what has traditionally been a very Hispanic portrayal of the conquest.
