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## The Story of Spanish (Paperback)

By Jean-Benoit Nadeau

St. Martin s Griffin, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. Just how did a dialect spoken by a handful of shepherds in Northern Spain become the world s second most spoken language, the official language of twenty-one countries on two continents, and the unofficial second language of the United States? Jean-Benoit Nadeau and Julie Barlow, the husband-and-wife team who chronicled the history of the French language in The Story of French, now look at the roots and spread of modern Spanish. Full of surprises and honed in Nadeau and Barlow s trademark style, combining personal anecdote, reflections, and deep research, The Story of Spanish is the first full biography of a language that shaped the world we know, and the only global language with two names--Spanish and Castilian. The story starts when the ancient Phoenicians set their sights on The Land of the Rabbits, Spain s original name, which the Romans pronounced as Hispania. The Spanish language would pick up bits of Germanic culture, a lot of Arabic, and even some French on its way to taking modern form just as it was about to colonize a New World. Through characters like Queen...



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