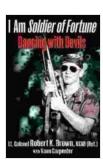
# A Soldier of Fortune Dancing With Devils: A Long and Descriptive Look at the Life of Pedro del Pilar



Pedro del Pilar was a Spanish adventurer and soldier of fortune who lived in the 16th century. He is best known for his service in the Spanish army in the Americas, where he fought against the Aztecs and the Incas. Del Pilar was a skilled swordsman and tactician, and he was also a ruthless and brutal conqueror. He was known for his cruelty towards the indigenous people of the Americas, and he was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people.



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However, del Pilar was also a complex and contradictory figure. He was a devout Catholic who believed that he was fighting for the glory of God, and he was also a loyal servant of the Spanish crown. He was a man of great ambition and courage, but he was also capable of great cruelty and violence.

#### **Early Life and Career**

Pedro del Pilar was born in the Spanish town of Trujillo in 1480. He was the son of a poor farmer, and he had little formal education. However, del Pilar was a natural soldier, and he quickly rose through the ranks of the Spanish army. He fought in the Italian Wars, and he also served in the Spanish

Netherlands. In 1519, del Pilar joined the expedition of Hernán Cortés to Mexico.

#### **Conquest of Mexico**

Del Pilar played a major role in the Spanish conquest of Mexico. He was one of the first Spaniards to land on the Mexican coast, and he fought in many of the battles that led to the fall of the Aztec Empire. Del Pilar was known for his bravery and his skill in battle, and he quickly became one of Cortés's most trusted lieutenants.

After the conquest of Mexico, del Pilar was rewarded with a large grant of land. He settled in the city of Puebla, and he became one of the richest and most powerful men in New Spain. However, del Pilar was not content to live a life of luxury. He was a restless adventurer, and he soon set out to conquer new lands.

#### **Conquest of Peru**

In 1532, del Pilar joined the expedition of Francisco Pizarro to Peru. Pizarro was hoping to conquer the Inca Empire, and del Pilar was eager to play a role in this new adventure. Del Pilar fought in many of the battles that led to the fall of the Inca Empire, and he was once again one of the most trusted lieutenants of the Spanish commander.

After the conquest of Peru, del Pilar was rewarded with a large grant of land. He settled in the city of Cusco, and he became one of the richest and most powerful men in Peru. However, del Pilar was still not content to live a life of luxury. He was a restless adventurer, and he soon set out to conquer new lands.

#### **Later Life and Death**

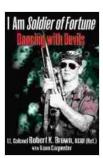
In 1541, del Pilar joined the expedition of Gonzalo Pizarro to conquer the Amazon rainforest. Pizarro was hoping to find the legendary city of El Dorado, and del Pilar was eager to be part of this new adventure. However, the expedition was a disaster. The Spaniards were attacked by disease and starvation, and del Pilar was one of the many who died on the journey.

Pedro del Pilar was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a brave and skilled soldier, but he was also a ruthless and brutal conqueror. He was a devout Catholic who believed that he was fighting for the glory of God, but he was also a loyal servant of the Spanish crown. He was a man of great ambition and courage, but he was also capable of great cruelty and violence.

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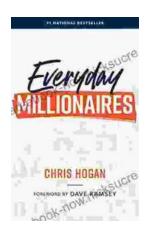


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