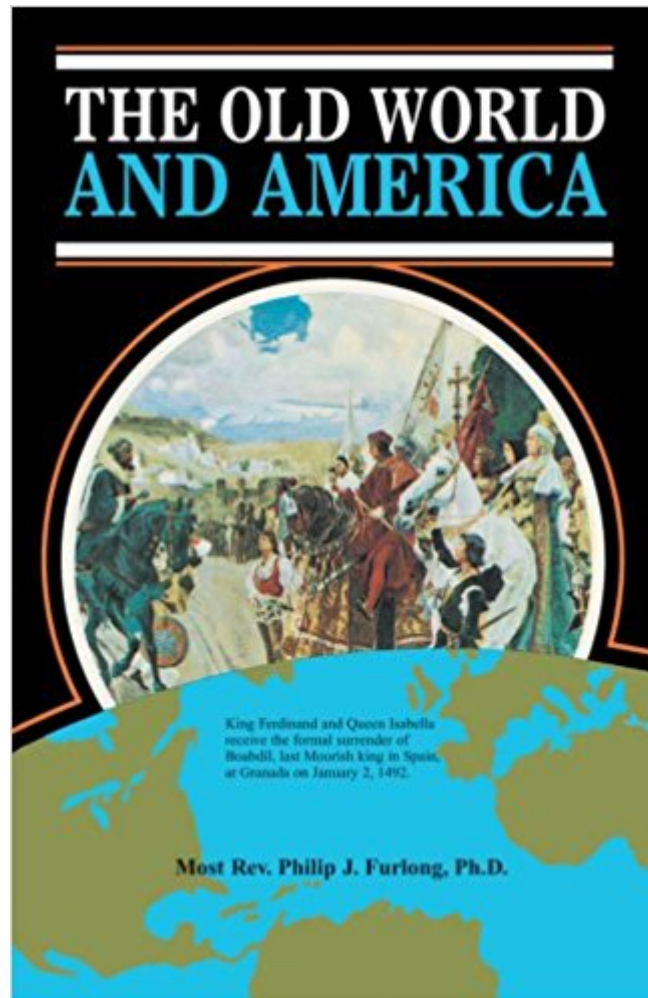




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The Most Rev. Philip Joseph Furlong was born in 1892 at New York City. He attended Cathedral College and St. Joseph's Seminary prior to receiving Holy Orders on the eighteenth of May, 1918. He later received his doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University, and went on to become Professor of History at Cathedral College. Father Furlong served as an auxiliary bishop from 1956-1971, and published his textbook *The Old World and America* in 1937 through William H.

Sadlier Inc., New York. He retired from the Vicariate at the age of seventy-one and died on the thirteenth of April, 1989.

Concise, informative and interesting. The tests after each chapter are an added bonus. I find it a good source for 2nd and 4th grade history.

excellent

learned a lot

My daughter is currently using this text. I like it's concise, yet very informative, accurate, and precise content. It is her main history text for this year offering her a wealth of history from the beginning of Creation to the America's. We supplement from time to time with the Famous Men of the Middle Ages from Memoria Press. She's already had FM of Rome last year and of course the D'Aulaires book of Greek Myths with study guides (again from MP) was where she began her journey. We will go more in depth as time goes on through the years, but because of this book, most of the subjects, occurrences, and/or ideas will not be a stranger to her.

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