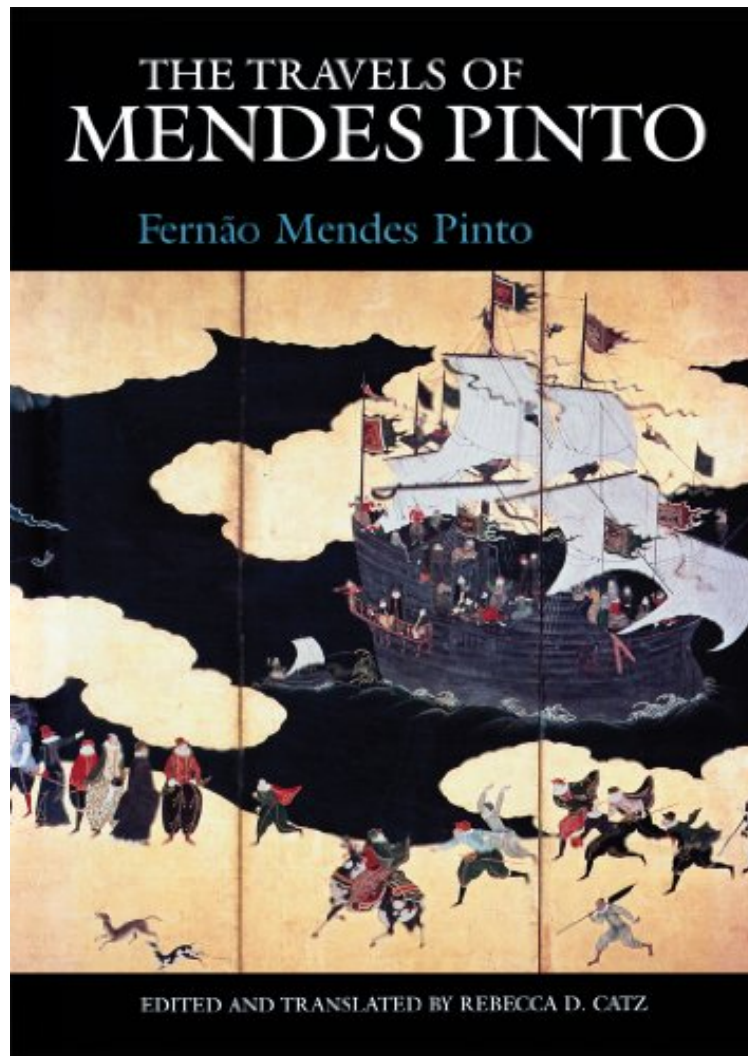


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of Great Books into a forgotten dark corner is a shame upon every educated person who has overlooked this towering monolith. If just a few people take the time to read it as Poe instructs us to do in his "Valentine to --- --- ---"; "Search narrowly the lines! - they hold a treasure Divine - a talisman - an amulet That must be worn..at heart. Search well the measure - The words - the syllables! Do not forget The trivialest point, or you may lose your labor!"; perhaps it will finally gain the fame it so richly deserves.

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