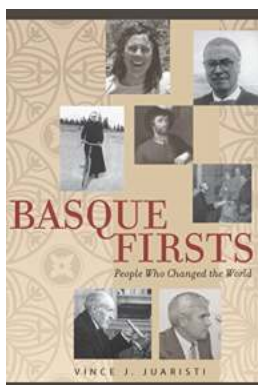
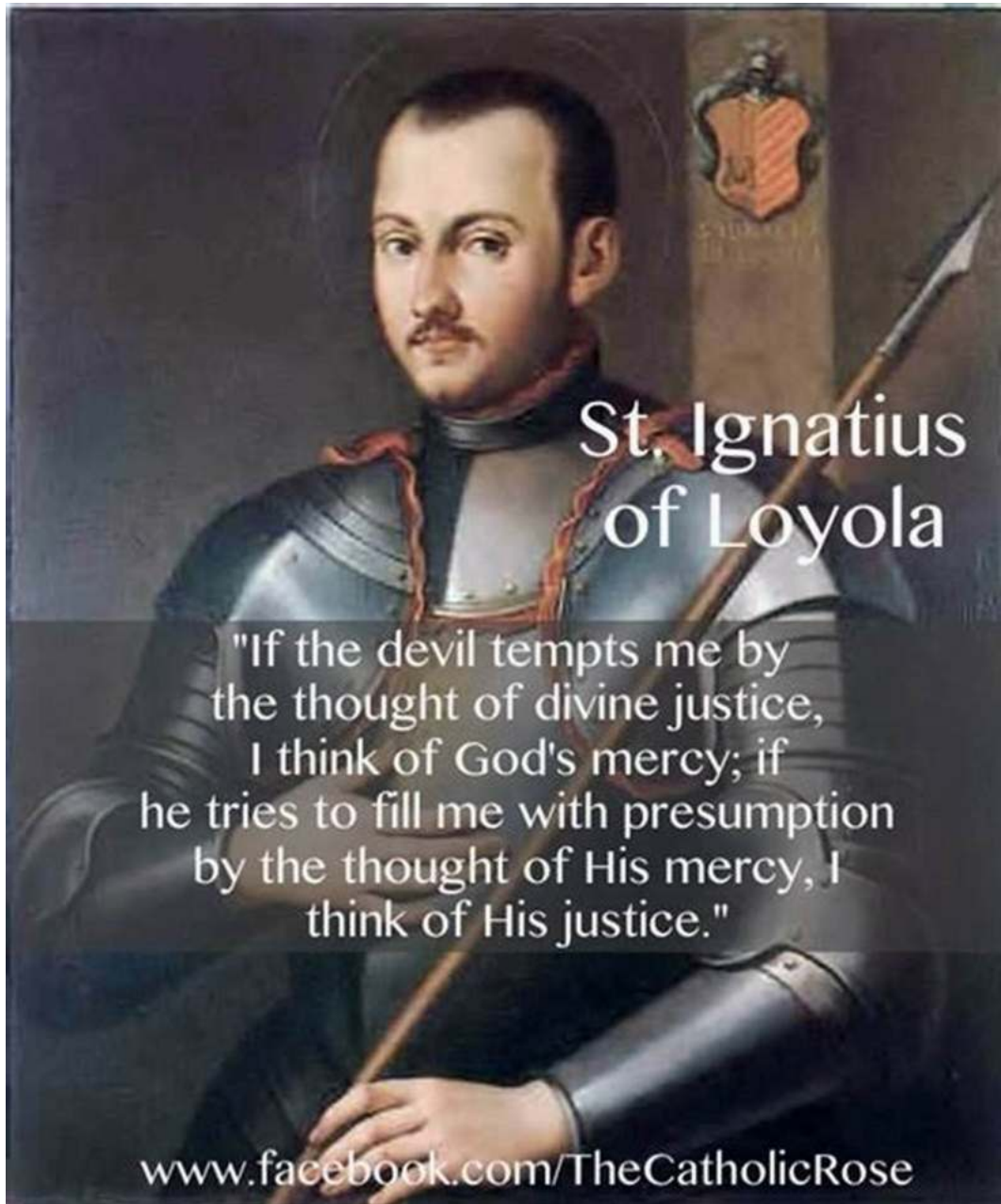


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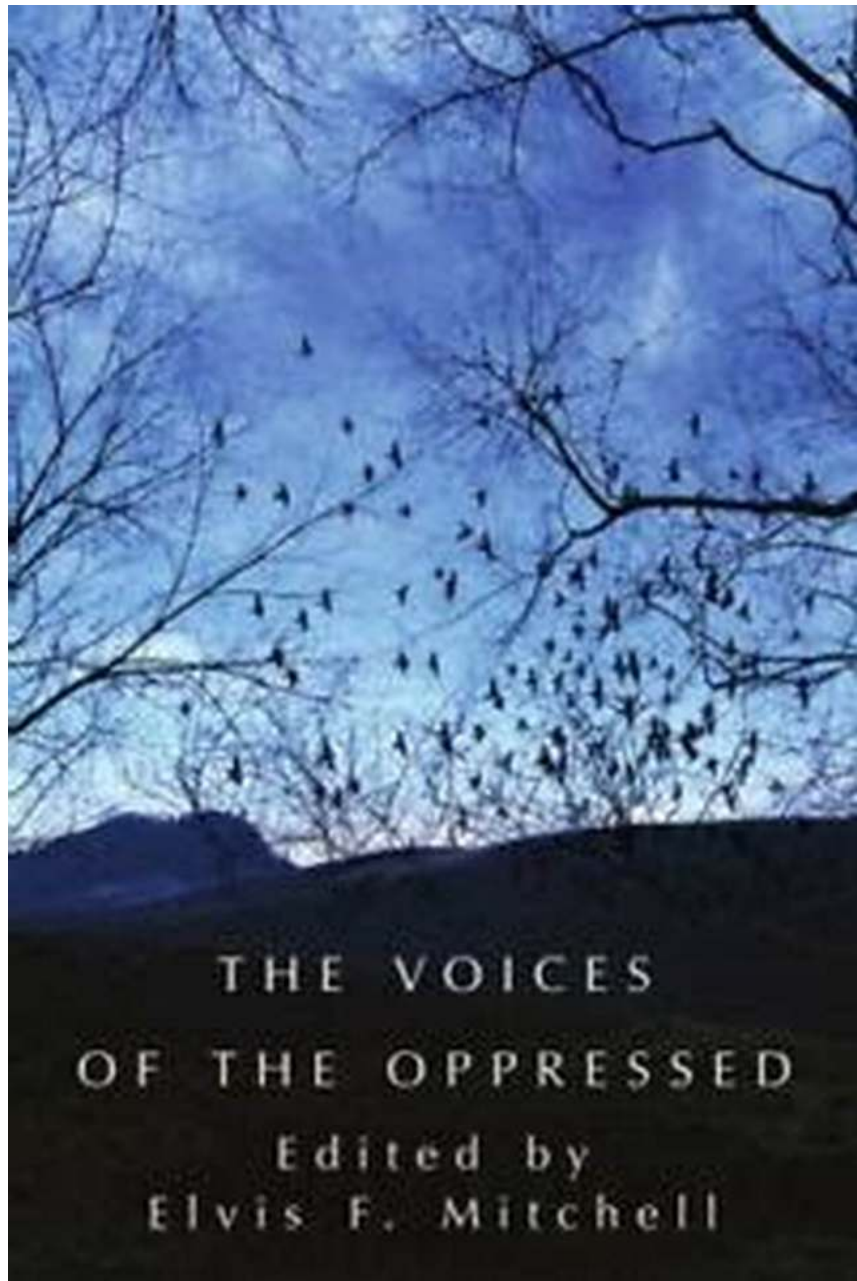
Considered one of the most influential fashion designers of the 20th century, Balenciaga's distinctive style transformed womenswear, creating timeless pieces

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Juan Sebastián Elcano, a 16th-century Basque explorer, stepped in to lead the expedition after the death of Ferdinand Magellan. He completed the historic journey of circumnavigating the globe, cementing his place in history as the

second captain of the expedition. Elcano's remarkable feat solidified the Basque legacy of maritime exploration and expanded humanity's understanding of global geography.



7. Eduardo Chillida – Exploring the Boundaries of Art

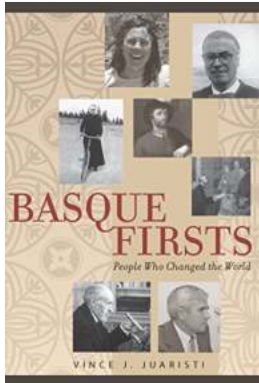
Eduardo Chillida, hailed as one of the greatest sculptors of the 20th century, challenged the traditional concepts of space and material in his artistic creations.

Born in San Sebastián, Spain, Chillida infused his monumental sculptures with an undeniable energy, blurring the lines between art and nature. His monumental works, often displayed in public spaces, continue to captivate audiences and inspire contemplation.



These Basque individuals epitomize the spirit of relentless pursuit, innovation, and courage. Through their remarkable achievements, they have left an enduring

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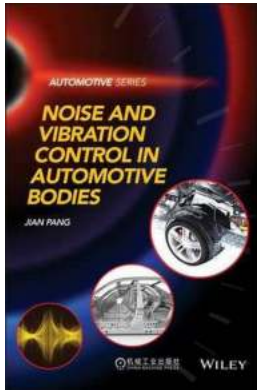
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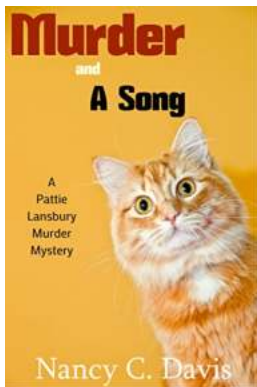


Throughout history, Basque men and women have made contributions in navigation, education, science, fashion, politics, and many other fields. Too often these achievements have been overlooked, or have been claimed as the accomplishments of others. *Basque Firsts: People Who Changed the World* profiles seven remarkable Basques who were the first in their fields to do something—something extraordinary—that had a dramatic impact on others who followed them. The profiles use primary sources to tell fresh stories and offer a wonderful variety, showing the astonishing breadth of Basque contributions. They include Juan Sebastián Elcano, the first person to circumnavigate the earth; St. Ignatius of Loyola, the first Jesuit to seed a worldwide movement in education; Santiago Ramón y Cajal, the Father of Neurology and a Nobel laureate; Cristóbal Balenciaga, the king of haute couture; Paul Laxalt, one of Ronald Reagan’s closest friends in politics; and Edurne Pasaban, the first woman to climb the world’s fourteen tallest mountains. *Basque Firsts* provides a rare look at a culture’s people, revealing the significant contributions they have shared.



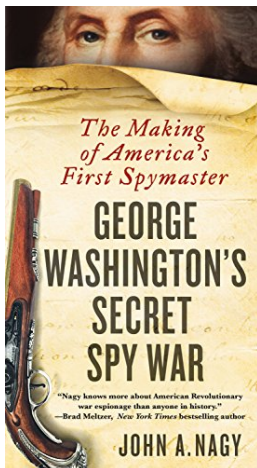
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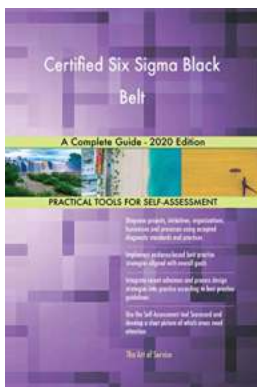
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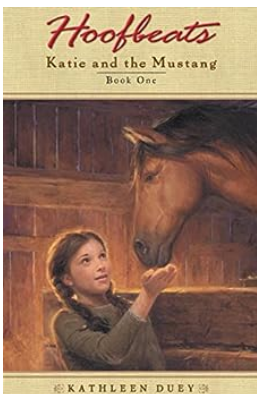
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