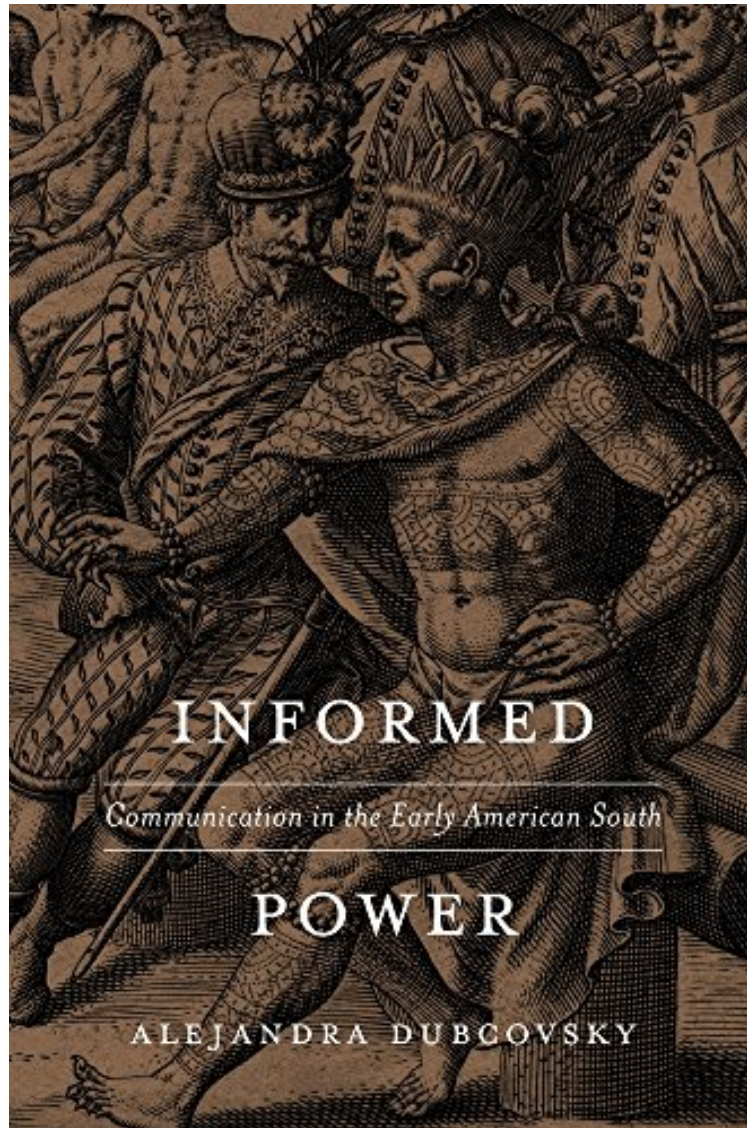


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Alejandra Dubcovsky offers a nuanced interpretation of the ways in which early Americans communicated. She is a master of the primary source evidence and employs her keen analytic abilities to reveal not only that knowledge was power in this early modern world but how it circulated and whom it benefited. A groundbreaking work. (Peter C. Mancall, University of Southern California) Dubcovskys wonderful first book puts information networks at the center of early Southern history. The result is a persuasive, far-reaching, and utterly absorbing reinterpretation of the regions development and its peoples experiences of power. (Joshua Piker, College of William Mary) In the flow of messages and information across cultural boundaries, Dubcovsky casts native and colonial relations in a revealing new light. (Alan Taylor, University of Virginia) About the Author Alejandra Dubcovsky is Assistant Professor of History at Yale University.