

Anthony Munday

The Honourable, Pleasant, and Rare Conceited Historie of Palmendos: A Critical Edition with an Introduction, Critical Apparatus, Notes, and Glossary

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DESCRIPTION:

Munday's translation is based on a Spanish original entitled *Primaleón de Grecia I* (Salamanca, 1512). This Spanish romance, the second book in the Palmerin cycle, soon became a best-seller in the Spanish market, with several editions published between 1512 and 1588. The work was also translated into many continental languages. Anthony Munday translated his *Palmendos* from the French version by François de Vernassal late in 1588. The *Historie of Palmendos* comprised the first thirty-two chapters of the French text and focused on the adventures of Palmendos on his journey to Constantinople. It was reprinted in 1653 and 1663 with slight alterations from the 1589 version. This is an original-spelling edition that produces a most reliable text, as close as possible to the author's original manuscript.

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