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### **Interview: Everything You Never Knew About Christopher Columbus ... CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR REVEALS THE LITTLE-KNOWN & TIMELY STORY OF OUR WORLD AT ITS TURNING POINT**

It all started with the Santa Maria – one of the three boats under the command of Christopher Columbus when he sailed west and discovered America.

“I helped a client sell a replica of the Santa Maria to help pay for his legal expenses,” says Newton Frohlich, a former attorney and the critically acclaimed author of *1492: A Novel of Christopher Columbus, the Spanish Inquisition, and a World at the Turning Point*, set for its second edition release on Columbus Day – October 10<sup>th</sup> – 2016.

“That client gifted me with a two-volume book detailing the litigation Columbus and his heirs waged for over three hundred years to enforce his contract with the queen and king of Spain for his discovery of America,” Frohlich continues. “I was hooked and driven to learn more.”

A captivating, vivid, and shockingly timely addition to today’s historical fiction market, writing *1492* saw Frohlich spend eight years in Israel, Spain and Italy, researching and learning about Columbus. What he discovered was extraordinary – and significantly more complex and far-reaching than the popular narrative of a courageous Italian sailor who knelt before the Queen of Spain and made a daring journey to the West.

Compelled to write a historical novel revealing the little-known truths he was discovering about Columbus, Frohlich’s doubts vanished after a visit to the Columbina Library in the Cathedral of Seville, where Columbus’s books are kept and a kindly priest said to him: “Young man, remember the words of the great philosopher Santayana, ‘Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.’”

Frohlich will have select availability around the Columbus Day 2016 release of *1492*’s second edition for enlightening, fact-based, thought-provoking interviews, in which he can discuss:

- The direct parallels between the conflict of Muslims, Jews and Christians during the 1400’s and today
- How the Spanish Inquisition served as the blueprint for the Holocaust
- What it means when he says that “Columbus had one foot in the Christian world, and the other in the Jewish world” – and the significance this has to his discovery of America
- Why Columbus felt compelled to hide his true background and identity
- Debunking the myth that Queen Isabella sold her jewels to finance Columbus’s voyage, and highlighting the importance of the Jewish investor Luis de Santangel (who has since been largely forgotten by history books)

**Newton Frohlich is the award-winning author of *The Shakespeare Mask: A Novel*, as well as *1492: A Novel of Christopher Columbus, the Spanish Inquisition & a World at the Turning Point* and *Making the Best of It: A Common-Sense Guide to Negotiating a Divorce*. A former lawyer in Washington, D.C., he devoted eight years to the research and writing of *1492*. He has lived in Washington, D.C., the south of France, and Israel and now makes his home on Cape Cod with his wife, Martha, a musicologist.**

**Connect with Newton Frohlich on [Goodreads](#) and at <http://newtonfrohlich.com/>.**

***1492: A Novel of Christopher Columbus, the Spanish Inquisition & a World at the Turning Point* is currently available for pre-order on [Amazon](#), and will be available in paperback and e-book formats wherever books are sold on Columbus Day (October 10) 2016.**

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