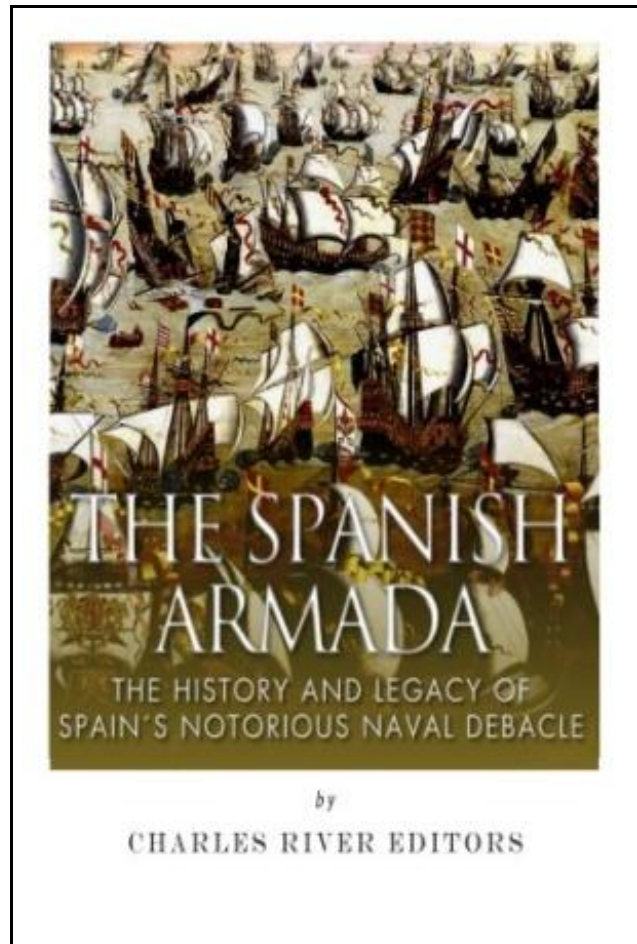# The Spanish Armada: The History and Legacy of Spain s Notorious Naval Debacle

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