

## Annotated Bibliography

### Books

**Bruseth, James E. and Toni Turner, *From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation of La Salle's Shipwreck, La Belle*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2005.**

This 2005 publication presents the La Salle and *La Belle* stories in a single volume. Jim Bruseth is the director of the Archaeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission who oversaw the excavation of *La Belle*. With his wife, Toni Turner, Dr. Bruseth presents the incredible 17th Century story of French exploration in Texas. This historical account is coupled with the 20th Century extraordinary discovery, excavation and conservation of the ship more than 300 years later. The photography and art are excellent. This book is the 2006 recipient of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) book award for an Outstanding Contribution to the Public Understanding of Archaeology.

**Joutel, Henri. *The La Salle Expedition to Texas: The Journal of Henri Joutel, 1684-1687*. Edited and with an introduction by William C. Foster, translated by Johanna S. Warren. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1998.**

Henri Joutel was a childhood friend, companion, and confidant to La Salle on his final expedition to North America. His extraordinary account of the expedition, along with personal notes of explanation, provides excellent primary source documentation. Joutel not only recorded the adventure with exciting detail, he lived to return to France with the journal. It is the principal source of information on the expedition.

**Mitchell, Mark G. *Raising La Belle*, Austin: Eakin Press, 2002.**

This book is for upper primary and middle school students. Mitchell's unique format presents the discovery of *La Belle* along with the history of La Salle's expedition. The book beckons young people to unravel the complete account as it answers leading questions. Sketches of maps and artifacts, along with photographs, accompany the narrative. Mitchell's book was recipient of the annual Western Writers of America SPUR award for juvenile literature in 2002.

**Weddle, Robert S. *The Wreck of the Belle, the Ruin of La Salle*, College Station: Texas A&M University, 2001.**

This scholarly work by a well-known historian provides a thorough look at the social, political and economic conditions in the 17th Century. It chronicles La Salle and his expedition to cement French control of Louisiana. The details of the ill-fated Texas landfall, loss of two ships and their cargo, and La Salle's demise are countered with the incredible discovery and excavation of *La Belle*.

### Periodicals

**LaRoe, Lisa Moore. "La Salle's Last Voyage," *National Geographic Magazine*, May 1997.**

**Roberts, David. "Sieur de La Salle's Fateful Landfall," *Smithsonian Magazine*, April 1997.**

**Wheat, Pam. "A Beautiful Historic Discovery," *Cobblestone*, October 1999.**

