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★ *Ars arithmetica*. (Spanish)

Dividida en teórica y práctica, utilísima y necesaria para hombres de toda condición. [Divided into theory and application, useful and necessary for men of all circumstances]

With the original Latin text.

Translated from the Latin, with an introduction and notes by E. Sánchez Salor and J. Cobos Bueno.

With a preface by Alberto Dou.

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This edition contains both the original Latin text of 1514 and a modern Spanish translation. In a general introduction preceding the text, Cobos and Sánchez describe Martínez' biography, the general status of mathematics up to the sixteenth century, the different editions of this particular work, and its contents. This meticulous and complex translation is complemented with a large number of footnotes—some of them illuminating, but others unnecessary and redundant (see, for example, p. 29 and p. 225 note 171). Unfortunately, some of the references are vague (see, for example, p. 16 notes 5 and 7 and p. 17 note 9) and the book does not contain a general index. *Alejandro R. Garcíaadiego* (Mexico)

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