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Peruvian noblewoman and wife of Jean Godin des Odonnais, a member of the 1735 La Condamine expedition, which determined the circumference of the earth at the equator and was the first scientific expedition to explore the Amazon. Isabela Godin endured a 20-year separation from her husband after the expedition and returned to him via a journey of which she was the only survivor, traveling over the Andes mountains, through tropical jungles, and up the Amazon.