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## Reading and Studying the Classics in High-Renaissance Florence: A Survey of Agostino Vespucci's Library and *Marginalia*

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Agostino Vespucci has long been known as an assistant in the Florentine chancery and a friend and correspondent of Niccolò Machiavelli. His recent identification with the humanist who signed with the surname Nettucci has finally shed light on this distinct and well-connected figure of the Florentine humanistic circles in the High Renaissance. Pupil of Angelo Poliziano in the early 1490s and author of a Latin treatise on the geography and antiquity of Spain

(1520), Vespucci also formed a remarkable humanist library, the extant volumes of which show evidence of having been corrected, studied and read over again for more than forty years. A close look at the contents of his library and his *marginalia* provides new insight on his activity as a student of *humanae litterae*, as a public servant and as a Renaissance reader.

