

# The Beulah



Lost among the annals of Christopher Columbus' 1492 voyage to the New World is the fact that he left Spain with *four* ships – the Niña, the Pinta, the Santa Maria, and the Beulah. The nearer they got to the edge of the world, however, the more anxious the Beulah's skipper became. So one night when a blanket of fog hid the Beulah from the other vessels, he turned south towards what he thought was safety. Unfortunately and unwittingly, he sailed straight to the land of Brobdingnag and ran aground on Lady Patience Zargogwy as she was enjoying her morning swim. When Columbus learned of this seafaring misfortune, he kept his mouth shut, saving himself untold embarrassment – not to mention a steep fine from his profit-driven sponsors.