Note on Editions and Translations

Readers of Juan Manuel's works are fortunate to have several good scholarly editions to choose from, each with its own advantages. In this book, I quote the Conde Lucanor, General Prologue, and anteprologue from Guillermo Serés's 2022 edition because it is a good main text with a rich critical apparatus and a thorough, up-to-date bibliography, and because it is relatively affordable and accessible to scholars. I quote the Libro del cavallero et del escudero edited by Mario Cossío Olavide, the Libro de los estados edited by Ian R. Macpherson and Robert Brian Tate, and the Libro infinido edited by Carlos Mota, all of which are carefully prepared and have the best annotations. I cite the rest of Juan Manuel's works from the Obras completas prepared by Carlos Alvar and Sarah Finci, which presents a uniform and readable text following the transcription norms presented in Pedro Sánchez-Prieto Borja's Cómo editar los textos medievales. I have silently accepted most emendations made by these editors, and in the rare case where I disagree with an editorial decision, it is noted accordingly.

The surviving manuscripts of Juan Manuel's works are essential to this study and are cited directly when pertinent. I also make reference to other editions on the many occasions when they provide useful information or a convincing variant reading. When quoting medieval Castilian, I prioritize ease of reading over palaeographic or phonetic accuracy, which means that I add modern punctuation and written accents and sometimes override an editor's orthographic choices to provide a more readable text. English translations are my own unless otherwise noted.

