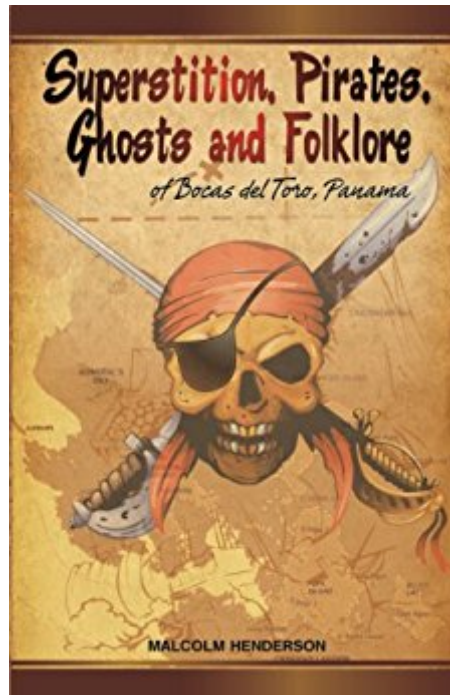


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Superstition, Pirates, Ghosts And Folklore Of Bocas Del Toro, Panama



Synopsis

Superstition, pirates, ghosts and folklore of Bocas del Toro, Panama is a collection of legends and stories as told by the local inhabitants of the archipelago. The tradition of 'story telling' has been recorded so that these folktales and folklore stories are never lost. Tales of pirate treasures, ghost sightings and the myriad of superstitions gathered from various tribes and indigenous folk are both telling and entertaining. So... When the sun's rays no longer touch the jungle canopy, the ground below is plunged into darkness. The howler monkeys on cue cease their calling and all await in fear the visit of the Tulieveja and the spirits of long dead pirates and their victims. It is a time when those who experience such spirits are home with the doors and windows closed. Here's a bit of what you'll see inside: - * Bocas Superstitions about the dead, snakes, fishing, pirate treasure warnings and many more. * Pirates in the Archipelago * Tulivejas (The Wailing Women) * The Darklands * Accounts of Experiences with Spirits from many Bocas del Toro Locals * A Consequence of Disobeying the Instructions Given in a Dream * A Bocas Shaman " The Snake Man" and so much more... Some of the local superstitions include: - Peel an orange without a break and hand the peel on one side of the main window and then do the same again and place the second peel on the other side of the window. No evil spirit can pass between the two peels. When you return to your house in the dark, stand before your door, turn about three times and enter backside first. That way no evil spirit can follow you inside. If you sleep alone in your bed, put a pillow in the empty space beside you or a ghost will climb into bed with you. These great stories are a wonderful way to understand the culture and the traditions of this eclectic archipelago of islands and its colorful population. Put your feet up and enjoy Superstition, pirates, ghosts and folklore of Bocas del Toro, Panama.

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Customer Reviews

It's been said that truth is stranger than fiction. There are a lot of strange things in this book about Bocas del Toro, Panama. And it's a very entertaining read. The book consists of first hand accounts of the superstitions and folklore as told by old-time residents of the area, and in their own words. I like that the author includes photos of these people. Before there was TV, the people were more aware of their neighbors and the spiritual things happening around them in this archipelago. First there were the indigenous, and then the slaves from the Caribbean who brought their voodoo and African witchcraft practices. And lots of pirates. After that came the Christian missionaries. The first part of the book lists superstitions by category. How to avoid bad luck and evil intentions, types and accounts of the visits of evil spirits, omens, placing protective plants, pictures and mirrors in the home, how to walk to avoid being followed by an evil spirit and how to prevent it from entering your home. How to tell if a visitor is a friend or an evil spirit before letting them in the house, and how to get rid of party guests overstaying their welcome. Other superstitions listed are about mothers and babies, dealing with the dead, snakes and fishing, some Chinese lore and disciplining children. I loved the pirate stories. The Bocas lagoons were used as a base from which to attack Spanish treasure ships on their way back to Spain. It's believed that there is still a lot of buried treasure in the peninsula. Before you go treasure hunting, however, there are a few protocols to be observed. Apparently you are supposed to wait for a pirate ghost to visit you in a dream, and reveal the existence and location of the treasure.

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