



A Traveler in Northern Colombia (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from A Traveler in Northern Colombia As cities go in the Western Hemisphere, Cartagena is ancient. It was founded by Don Pedro de Heredia, in 1533, 243 years before the United States of America signed its Declaration of Independence. Philip II, history records, commanded that the city be made impregnable to assault and vast sums were expended upon its fortifications. Soon it became a repository of the treasure collected throughout the Andes and Central America to await shipment to Spain in proud galleons convoyed thither by heavily armed frigates. It was a lure to freebooters. In 1585 Cartagena was sacked by Sir Francis Drake who, under threat of firing the city, extorted a heavy ransom. It resisted an assault by combined British land and sea forces in 1741. It was captured, however, by the Spanish, during the War of Independence in 1815. But it was retaken by the patriots in 1821. To-day Cartagena is, emphatically, a city of the present. Trading schooners, steam launches, and long, narrow craft with picturesque lateen sails, crowd the magnificent yacht harbor outside the city...



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