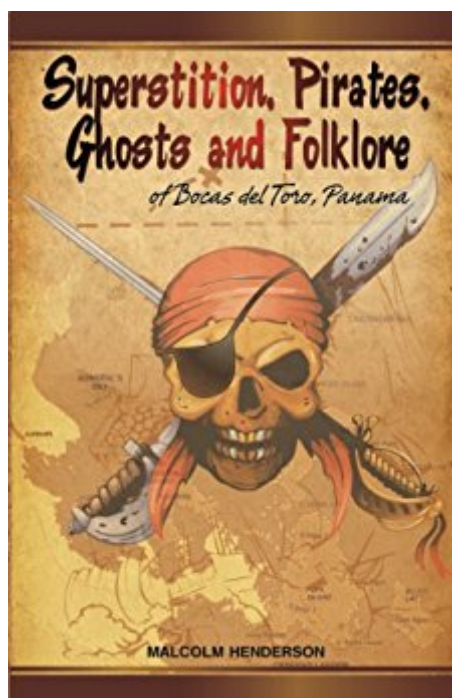


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Superstition, Pirates, Ghosts And Folklore Of Bocas Del Toro, Panama



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 Tuliveja 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's Story - 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. He will also inform you of any other conditions attached to the use of the treasure. If you fail to follow his advice you will surely meet an untimely death. The tales of treasure hunters who met their doom is incredible. There are also some other interesting murder stories in this book. A good read. Entertaining. Strange tales and events with some good words of wisdom as well.

"Too often the transfer of verbal history to a permanent record is neglected and becomes lost with the passing of generations." This book begins with a collection of superstitions and beliefs from the Bocas del Toro, probably less interesting than the following section where the author delves into the pirate and treasure hunting history of this Caribbean area. The author interviewed residents of the

Bocas del toro area, and these stories, along with photos of the story-tellers add credibility and much interesting history and folklore, tales of spirits and supernatural happenings to this book. A very interesting read.

The intriguing thing about myths and legends is how did they start in the first place? These myths and legends of the Archipelago are fascinating and sometimes unbelievable! However sometimes there is a grain of truth in even the strangest superstitions and it is looking for this element of truth that kept me entertained through the whole book. The pirate stories about the darklands shows the battle between man's greed and his fear of the unknown and the spirits that haunt those who dare to try and claim buried treasure that doesn't belong to them. A good spooky read!

As someone who is a devoted fan of Ghost Hunters, I couldn't resist buying this book on creepy happenings in Panama! I thought the superstitions chapter was mind-boggling (who would have thought to pour the first drink from a bottle of rum onto the ground for the dead?!). The pirate stuff was fascinating - especially the Wailing Women story. But of course I had to skip first to the Ghosts section, which convinced me never to travel to this part of the world! Well-written, very well-researched . . . and if you like this ghostly stuff as much as I do, grab a copy - but don't read it at night!

Highly entertaining and imaginative book takes you along with accounts of supernatural encounters, pirate lore, ghosts, and spirits. I loved the fun tales of pirates and buried treasure, as well as ghosts and spirits. I think the real gem of this book is the author's interviews and experiences with locals' accounts of their experiences with the supernatural. I would have loved to travel with the author as he gathered his research and stories from those who had first-hand experience with supernatural occurrences. Well-researched, entertaining, and engrossing.

If you enjoy history and people then you will find this an interesting and fun read. Superstitions and folklore told from those who have lived in the area and grown up in it's culture. I found not only the reading of their stories interesting but enjoyed their pictures too. One can learn much from the beliefs and folklore of the area, this was an interesting read.

This is a bible of Superstitions! I picked this up because I was curious, and then I kept reading it all night until I fall asleep. I was alone by the way. But I did enjoy reading it and it did give in some

insights, well, a lot of insights which I do not know about. This is an uncommon topic, I have not seen many talk or write about this. I did recommend this book to my friends and I recommend it for you as well if you want an exciting and informative time.

I really enjoyed reading this book about Bocas del Toros, Panama and all the rich and interesting culture embedded into this island. The stories of spirits and ghosts make you think twice. I also liked reading about the superstitions of the indigenous people and the remedies/cures to ward off evil. My favorite part of the book was learning about Norman Wood, a native to the area, who is a crusader and activist for preserving nature and it's forest land. I love the wealth of wisdom he shares with the reader.

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