



Darien Gap: Travels in the Rainforest of Panama (Paperback)

By Martin Mitchinson

Harbour Publishing, Canada, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Finalist for the 2009 Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction If you want to drive from North America to South America, you ll have a hard time when you reach Panama s southernmost province, Darien. The Pan-American Highway ends just sixty miles short of Colombia. It s the only missing link in what would otherwise be uninterrupted highway from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. When Balboa marched through Darien s jungles to cross the narrow isthmus in 1513, he was the first European to sight the Pacific from its eastern shores. For the next four centuries, pirates, gold miners, rebels, and political schemers all gravitated to Darien. Scotland failed miserably in its attempt to establish a colony. An American Navy expedition wandered lost in its jungle for two months with seven men dying, and countries fought to control the region s traffic and trade. Yet today, Darien is best known as a roadless backwater, home to native communities, Colombian guerrillas, and the descendants of black slaves and Spanish colonists. For twenty years, Martin Mitchinson has travelled in Central and South America. Fascinated by tales of Darien, he arrived aboard...



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