



Castillo de San Marcos: A Guide to Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Florida (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Castillo De San Marcos: A Guide to Castillo De San Marcos National Monument, Florida Sgt. Maj. Nicolas Ponce de Leon, the officer responsible for defending the town, was at home, a sick man, covered with a greasy mercury salve and weak from the sweatings prescribed for his illness. On hearing the din, he roused himself and rushed to the guardhouse, only to find the pirates had been there first. He turned to the urgent task of shep herding his 70 unarmed soldiers and the others men, women, and children - into the woods, leaving the pirates in complete possession of the town. By daybreak the little force at the fort had lost five men, but they believed they had killed 11 pirates and wounded 19 others. Ponce came from the woods and reinforced the fort with his weaponless men. With daylight, two other vessels joined the ship from Veracruz. One was St. Augustine s own frigate, taken by the raiders near Havana, in which the pirates had been able to move in Spanish waters without detec tion. The other was the...



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