



Inventing New Orleans: Writings of Lafcadio Hearn

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University Press of Mississippi. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Inventing New Orleans: Writings of Lafcadio Hearn, Lafcadio Hearn, S Frederick Starr, Lafcadio Hearn (1850-1904) prowled the streets of New Orleans from 1877 to 1888 before moving on to a new life and global fame as a chronicler of Japan. Hearn's influence on our perceptions of New Orleans, however, has unjustly remained unknown. In ten years of serving as a correspondent and selling his writing in such periodicals as the "New Orleans Daily Item," "Times-Democrat," "Harper's Weekly," and "Scribner's Magazine" he crystallized the way Americans view New Orleans and its south Louisiana environs. Hearn was prolific, producing colorful and vivid sketches, vignettes, news articles, essays, translations of French and Spanish literature, book reviews, short stories, and woodblock prints. He haunted the French Quarter to cover such events as the death of Marie Laveau. His descriptions of the seamy side of New Orleans, tainted with voodoo, debauchery, and mystery made a lasting impression on the nation. Denizens of the Crescent City and devotees who flock there for escapades and pleasures will recognize these original tales of corruption, of decay and benign frivolity, and of endless partying. With his writing,...



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