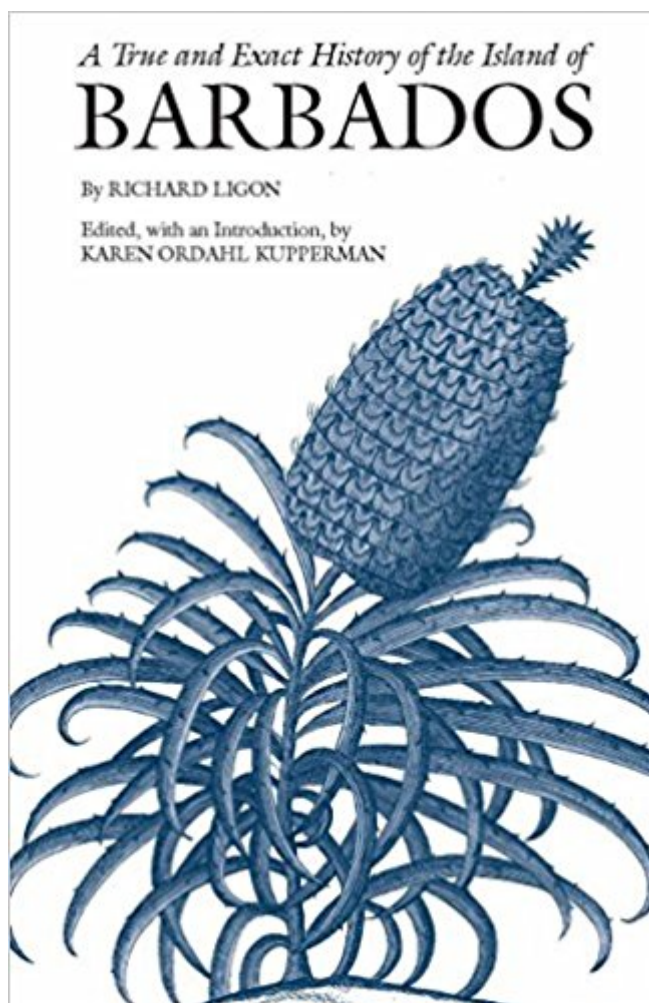


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"Ligon's True and Exact History is perhaps the most important document regarding English colonization efforts in the 17th-century Caribbean. The book offers a wealth of information about the natural world--Barbados's climate, flora, and fauna--as well as social and economic conditions on the island in the late 1640s. Scholars have long used the text as a source for tracing the development of sugar and slavery, in particular. Although previously available in a facsimile edition, Kupperman's is the first modern, edited version of the text, and it is a most welcome publication. Kupperman, one of the foremost scholars of the 17th-century Atlantic world, has written an excellent introduction that outlines what is known about Ligon and provides context on issues ranging from early modern ideas about the environment, to conditions in Barbados during the tobacco era, to the rise of sugar and the island's place in England's emerging empire.

Throughout, Kupperman provides detailed, useful notes that make the text accessible to students and others. . . . This is a first-rate example of historical editing. Highly recommended." --M. Mulcahy, Loyola College in Maryland, in CHOICEA foundational text for the history and literature of the early Caribbean and the early Americas. Kupperman's expert Introduction and annotations . . . make this important text come alive for scholarly and undergraduate audiences alike. In all aspects, this edition is a model of historical and textual scholarship. --Ralph Robert Bauer, University of MarylandScholars, students, and general readers will applaud and greatly appreciate the context Kupperman provides in her highly informative, insightful Introduction and notes. This volume offers readers the opportunity to explore Ligon's world and times, when sugar and black slavery were dramatically and aggressively transforming Caribbean society and contributing to English economic, maritime, and imperial strength. --David Barry Gaspar, Duke University

Karen Ordahl Kupperman is Silver Professor of History, New York University.

Beautiful prose with opening section describing Ligon's life. So much of what Ligon has recorded on the mid 1600's still rings true in Barbados today, except for the landscapes which were so completely altered in his time in Barbados. Sad that anyone with such skill ended up incarcerated by his associates' greed. This book is a reader in Barbadian schools, which is good as it does explain a lot of what goes on still today.

Did not really know what I got in this book until I got it. It is a first hand account of a slave in the early years in Barbados history. It is readable and if you love Barbados like I do you will enjoy this book.

A good survey of the sugar trade on Barbados in the 17th century. Ligon gives a view not only of what was present on the island, but also what stood to be lost by the proliferation of sugar plantations. Ecology, society, and geography are all described in detail. Think of this book as a travelogue, or a marketing strategy to get wealthy English investors interested in Barbados in the 17th century.

Gift for my dad and he loved it

Although this book did not help my Genealogical studies it did offer some background for settlers in Barbados. It is very detailed in describing the island and its environs. A very detailed description of

the development of the sugar processing and trade is covered. It did also give some early insight into the slave trade and why it arose.

Richard Ligon's history and natural history of Barbados was much prized in the 18th century, and it remains important for historians in many fields.

While the material was a bit interesting from a historical perspective, it really was boring overall.

As a descendant of Irish immigrants, I am horrified to learn how my ancestors were treated and am amazed at the stalwart composure of these same people. I understand so much of how I am from how my bloodline has adapted and prospered in spite of this terrible journey that those of my past have had to endure.

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