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**The Pedro Gorino** Harry Foster Dean,2024-09-05 Captain Harry Foster Dean s 1929 memoir The Pedro Gorino is the extraordinary story of his time in southern Africa around the turn of the twentieth century Dean s narrative describes his thrilling maritime adventures and his encounters with important figures in history but he never loses sight of his main purpose establishing a colony where diasporic Africans could settle alongside native born Africans and together build a racial empire His beloved ship the Pedro Gorino was at the center of his plans A race leader manqu Dean attempted throughout his life to convince Black people everywhere of the importance of the sea for the success of the race A rich selection of contextual documents supplements the annotated memoir providing materials on Dean s life and work imperialism and environmental exploitation in South Africa Black seafaring and the Pan African missionary movement

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the true story of her meteoric rise from petty offender to one of Britain's most accomplished diamond thieves making a success of life by not playing by the rules when the odds seemed stacked against her *The National Geographic Magazine*, 1906 Indexes kept up to date with supplements

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*The Diamond* Wallis Richard Cattelle, 1911

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