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Puerto Real: The Archaeology Of A Sixteenth-Century Spanish Town In Hispaniola (Florida Museum Of Natural History: Ripley P. Bullen Series)



Synopsis

"A superb presentation of a critically important archaeological site. It's a seamless synthesis of Hispanic historical sources [that] effectively ties the events played out at Puerto Real to the fifteenth- and sixteenth-century global geopolitical scene."--David Hurst Thomas, curator of anthropology, American Museum of Natural History

Puerto Real, Haiti, is the site of the largest and most intensive archaeological excavation of any Spanish colony in the Caribbean. It is a primary data source for understanding all Spanish colonial ventures in the region and a vital archival source for anyone concerned with the early history of European colonization in the New World. The essays were written by the international specialists who carried out the fieldwork. They include a first-hand account by William H. Hodges, who discovered the site and brought it to the attention of archaeologists in Haiti and the United States, and discussion of the multiracial interactions of the Spaniards, American Indians, and Africans who lived there.

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