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Te Moana Nui: Exploring the Lost Isles of the South Pacific, by Georgia Lee

Remote and seldom-visited South Pacific Islands are the subject of *Te Moana Nui*, a remarkable book based upon actual travels through the Pacific by the author. Here, in various chapters, we hear about the islands' histories, the characters who lived (and died) there, from the painter Paul Gauguin to the poet Rupert Brooke; Captain James Cook sailed around these islands, and Robert Louis Stevenson lived on one. The "cast of characters" range from beachcombers stranded on deserted islands to crews from whaling ships that were marooned on islands-from-hell; and from the mutiny on the *Bounty* to the pearls of Mangareva and the statues of Rapa Nui. Nearly all of the islands have stories or legends about shipwrecks, slavers, mad priests, cannibals, and castaways who live on in legend, such as Robinson Crusoe.

Islands are special places, as Rachel Carson wrote, "The tragedy of the oceanic islands lies in the uniqueness, the irreplaceability of the species they have developed by the slow processes of the ages. In a reasonable world men would have treated these islands as precious possessions, as natural museums filled with beautiful and curious works of creation, valuable because nowhere in the world are they duplicated."

Come along and sail with us through the blue world of the Pacific. *Te Moana Nui* has something for everyone; artists, writers, rogues, pirates, you name it!

163 pages, illustrated with photographs, maps, timelines and sidebars.

Te Moana Nui is now available at a special discount price of \$12 and may be ordered by contacting the EIF office at books@islandheritage.org

