



A Trip to Maoriland (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Pakeha Maori

Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from A Trip to Maoriland New Zealand, the land of the Maori and the Moa, the country in which originally there was not a flower with a perfume or a bird that sang, was one of the most mysterious and desolate lands on this hemisphere. out of the track of the early mariners it was a great undertaking in the years gone by to reach there, vessels taking six to eight months to reach its shores, where now it can be accomplished in about forty-five days. According to some it was uninhabited till by gales or tribal wars members of the Kanaka tribe (sandwich Islands) were driven to seek an asylum in this wild and mystic country To bear out that theory the customs of the Maoris and the Kanaka are similar; but, through climatic conditions, they have grown taller and sturdier. As to animal life there was none until Captain Cook, the discoverer, landed some pigs, which fact, no doubt, was the cause of cannibalism being practiced. Now, what a transformation, fine cities, large tracts of cultivated...

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