



Beyond the Cape: Sin, Saints, Slaves, and Settlers (Paperback)

By Braz Menezes

Matata Books, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Second Edition, Expanded. Adde ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.As Lando, aged ten, emerges from the confessional booth, the reader is already embarked on an epic journey. The crossing of the first European around the Cape of South Africa in 1488 had significantly altered the course of history for part of Asia and much of Africa. The Author conveniently sets the scene with a map and short prologue connecting the dots of history. The cultural transformation of the people of Goa by the Portuguese, and the enslavement of Africans, particularly to the Americas and the Caribbean, is followed by in 1884, by the parceling of more than eleven and a half million square miles of Africa to seven European colonial powers, including Britain. Precocious Lando is born in British-ruled Kenya to Goan parents just as WWII breaks out in Europe. His parents are among those who flocked to East Africa from their native Portuguese India, lured with promises of a bright future. To British colonialists, the Westernized Christian Indians suited their needs perfectly. Lando s family and community struggle to keep their Indo-Portuguese heritage and Catholic faith alive...



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