



A Tale of Two Colonies: What Really Happened in Virginia and Bermuda? (Paperback)

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University of Missouri Press, United States, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 1609, two years after its English founding, colonists struggled to stay alive in a tiny fort at Jamestown. John Smith fought to keep order, battling both English and Indians. When he left, desperate colonists ate lizards, rats, and human flesh. Surviving accounts of the Starving Time differ, as do modern scholars theories. Meanwhile, the Virginia-bound Sea Venture was shipwrecked on Bermuda, the dreaded, uninhabited Isle of Devils. The castaways journals describe the hurricane at sea as well as murders and mutinies on land. Their adventures are said to have inspired Shakespeare s The Tempest. A year later, in 1610, the Bermuda castaways sailed to Virginia in two small ships they had built. They arrived in Jamestown to find many people in the last stages of starvation; abandoning the colony seemed their only option. Then, in what many people thought was divine providence, three English ships sailed into Chesapeake Bay. Virginia was saved, but the colony s troubles were far from over. Despite glowing reports from Virginia Company officials, disease, inadequate food, and fear of Indians plagued the colony. The company poured thousands of pounds sterling...



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