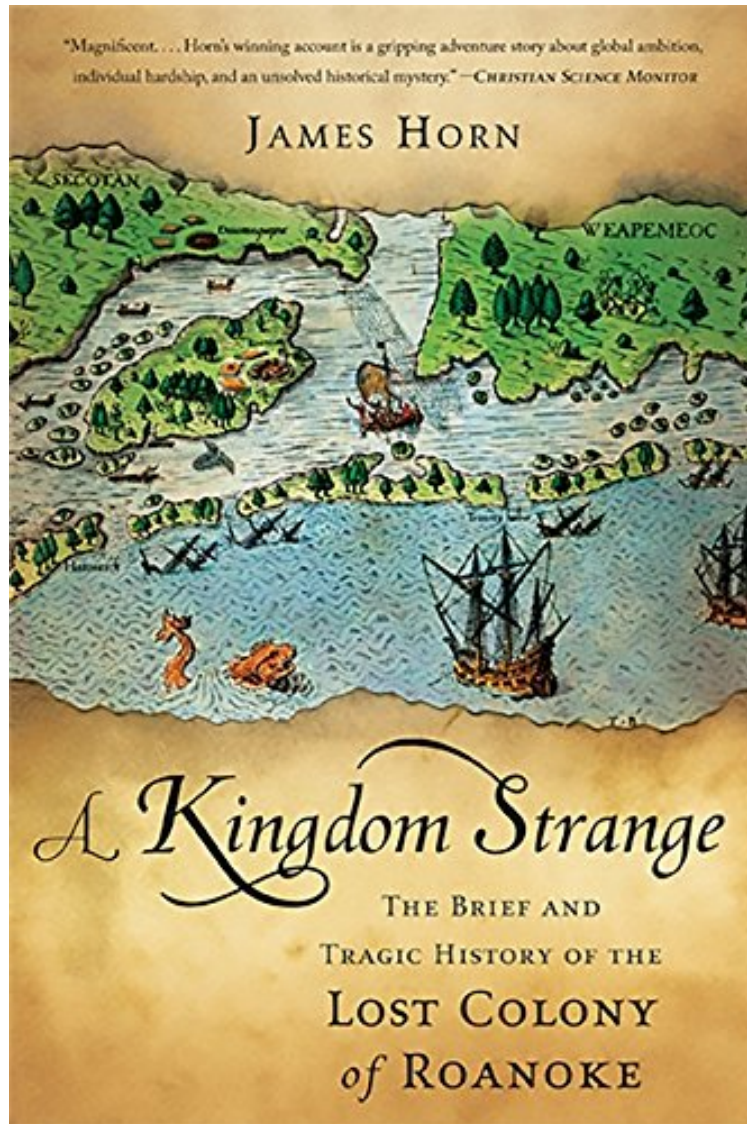


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belligerence of the major powers of the time. Insights into relations with native peoples, the hardships of pioneer life, the dangers of sea travel, and the capriciousness of the backers of the various colonization ventures. It also demystifies the "Lost Colony." Some trailers and teasers about the Roanoke colony point out the mysterious word "Croatoan" carved in a tree. No mystery at all. The venture's leader told the colonists that if they moved from their current location while he was doing business back in England, they were to carve the name of where they were going into a tree. Croatoan was the name of a nearby island and of a native group inhabiting the area who was friendly with the settlers. Apparently the settlers moved on to where food and provisions were more readily available and likely protection, too. The settlers were also left on their own for much longer than anticipated when their leader was unable to finance a return trip with supplies and reinforcements. Were they assimilated into the native culture, intermarrying and starting new lives? Possibly. That is still uncertain. This is indeed a brief and tragic history of the Roanoke colony filled with information but not answers. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating ReadBy William G. StuartI learned a lot of history from this book. The author tells the story of the colony in the broader context of the battles between Spain and Great Britain to colonize the New World, bring riches back home and find a short-cut to the Far East. Also, he illustrates the religious battles in Europe - highlighted by Spain's attempt to conquer Great Britain and install a Catholic monarch. That quest and the subsequent action led to the historic defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A tribute to those who were desertedBy Kindle CustomerEnjoyed this book learning about early history of our country and those individuals who ventured to explore and settled here. The back history of the political climate in Europe that set this this exploration in motion was not surprising but reaffirming of the. Characters of the people that shaped history.

In 1587, John White led 117 English men, women, and children to Roanoke Island, off the coast of North Carolina. They hoped to establish a British foothold in North America, but soon found themselves struggling to survive. White returned to England for help, but when he returned to Roanoke in 1590, the colonists were nowhere to be found: White never saw his friends or family again. But as James Horn reveals in *A Kingdom Strange*, some from the party survived; their descendants were discovered a century later, a living testament to America's remarkable origins.

From Publishers WeeklyStarred . A leading historian of early Virginia, Horn (*A Land as God Made It*) relates the convoluted, fascinating story of the failed 1598 venture on Roanoke Island: a British settlement whose 100 men, women, and children disappeared without a trace. Horn teases from the record as no one before the Lost Colony of 1587, which had not even been intended to settle on the island. Horn recounts its travails, hostilities with the Indians, requests to England for support that failed to arrive for three years, by which time the settlers were gone. Based on the available evidence, Horn finds that the colonists did not die but intermarried with local Indians. Over a century later, a North Carolina settler, venturing to Roanoke Island, found Indians who claimed Englishmen among their ancestors (and some gray-eyed tribesmen seemed to support the claim). He places it all in the context of the political and economic tumult of the time for an outstanding historical mystery/adventure tale with an ending perhaps less tragic than historians have long believed. Illus. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Kirkus s [Horn] creates an engaging, you-are-there feel to the narrative, with rich descriptions of European politics, colonists daily struggles and the vagaries of relations between Native American tribes. A satisfying recounting of some of the earliest American history. Daniel B. Smith, co-author of *The Shipwreck That Saved Jamestown: The Sea Venture Castaways and the Fate of America* With impressive research and nuanced understanding of early Virginia, James Horn has crafted a vivid and lucid account of the mysterious history of the lost colony of Roanoke. *A Kingdom Strange* delivers the definitive treatment of a fascinating story from England's earliest explorations in the New World a story long on speculation and intrigue, but until now, short on evidence and historical truth. Peter C. Mancall, author of *The Fatal Journey: The Final Expedition of Henry Hudson* With deep research and precise prose, James Horn has come closer to finding the lost English colonists of Roanoke than any previous historian. *A Kingdom Strange*, a superb reconstruction of grand dreams and dashed hopes, overflows with new insights about the very real human consequences of the encounter between Europeans and Native Americans. Washington Post The fate of the Lost Colony is a mystery at the heart of the nation's founding, chock full of odd characters, conspiracy theories, strange turns of events even enigmatic carvings left behind on trees. James Horn resists the temptation to sensationalize any of that in his new book, *A Kingdom Strange*. Instead [he] has written a lucid and readable account of the Roanoke colony and the forces that created it. He makes a persuasive case for what must have happened to the settlers. Christian Science Monitor Horn has done a magnificent job of researching the mystery of England's lost colony, crafting a compelling narrative that places the luckless settlers in the middle of a global, imperial struggle between Spain and England. Horn's winning account is a gripping adventure story about global ambition, individual hardship, and an unsolved historical mystery.