



The Tourism Encounter: Fashioning Latin American Nations and Histories

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Stanford University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Tourism Encounter: Fashioning Latin American Nations and Histories, Florence E. Babb, In recent decades, several Latin American nations have experienced political transitions that have caused a decline in tourism. In spite of - or even because of - that history, these areas are again becoming popular destinations. This work reveals that in post-conflict nations, tourism often takes up where social transformation leaves off and sometimes benefits from formerly off-limits status. Comparing cases in Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru, Babb shows how tourism is a major force in remaking transitional nations. While tourism touts scenic beauty and colonial charm, it also capitalizes on the desire for a brush with recent revolutionary history. In the process, selective histories are promoted and nations remade. This work presents the diverse stories of those linked to the trade and reveals how interpretations of the past and desires for the future coincide and collide in the global marketplace of tourism.



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