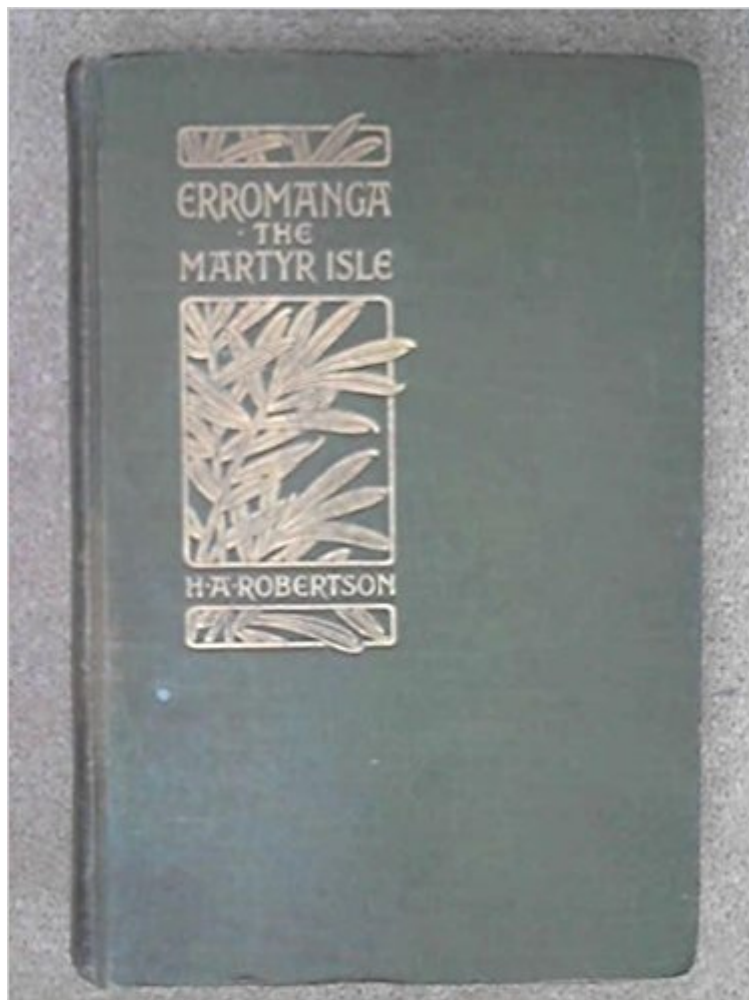


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Erromanga, the Martyr Isle is a valuable book for those who are interested in learning more about the early missionary work in the New Hebrides. H. A. Robertson, along with his wife and children, lived on the island of Erromanga for many years. Before the Robertsons, five missionaries had already died there - John Williams, James Harris, George and Ellen Gordon, James Macnair, and James Gordon. This background explains the title of the book. Though I enjoyed John Paton's autobiography, I appreciated Robertson's "matter-of-factness" and humor that help to make the characters more human and relatable. For example, he describes a practical joke he and his wife play on John Paton and his matchmaking efforts among the natives. I appreciate the early missionaries of the New Hebrides for the way in which they break the stereotypes that people often associate with missionaries of Victorian times. H. A. Robertson stated that he and his wife gladly let the Erromangans continue in the cultural traditions that were NOT contrary to Scripture, and they considered many Erromangans their closest friends. One of the best aspects of this book are the extensive cultural and historical notes that the editor added. I wish I had these notes when reading [John G. Paton: Missionary to the New Hebrides](#) and [Lomai of Lenakel: A Hero of the New Hebrides. A Fresh Chapter in the Triumph of the Gospel.](#) I would suggest reading this book first, actually. This book includes flora, fauna and geographical notes; the Lord's Prayer in 18 languages; two maps and plenty of photographs. All in all, a fascinating book filled with grief, joy, excitement and everyday life. A different time and different place than we will ever experience, but still very relevant for Christians today.

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