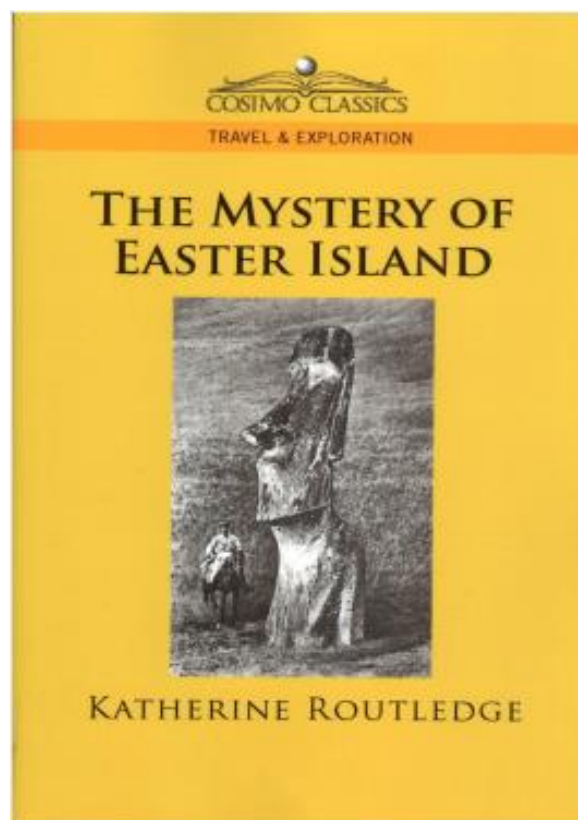


The Mystery of Easter Island by Katherine Routledge



The Mystery of Easter Island was written by a remarkable Darlington woman, Katherine Routledge.

Katherine was the daughter of Gurney Pease. She graduated with honours from Oxford and later travelled to South Africa to investigate the resettlement of single women from England to South Africa. These are both remarkable achievements for a woman of her time. Katherine continued to travel and in 1913 Katherine set off to Easter Island on what would be the first attempt to give a systematic and detailed account of the island.

This book, The Mystery of Easter Island is the account of the voyage and her findings on the island. It discusses the island's famous statues, the bird cult of the island and the Rongo-rongo script, a series of symbols found on Easter Island. The book covers all aspects of island life such as family life and marriage, funeral rituals and housing.

Beautiful photos and illustrations really make the book an enjoyable read and give an informative understanding of the island and its people at that time. There is also description of the making of the boat which made the voyage and the various places where the boat stopped on the way to and from Easter Island such as Santiago and Buenos Aires.

This is a must read book for those who like to armchair travel or find out more about the lives of members of the Pease family.