



A Wizard s Wanderings from China to Peru

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.From the INTRODUCTION. ALEXANDRE DUMAS, pere, laid down the dictum that prefaces were for failures. However that may be, I fear it is not possible to dispense with one here, as, though I am pretty well known in the professional world, I fear the general reading public on first glancing at these pages would naturally ask: Who the dickens is Dr. Holden? Well, if you please, I was born very young on the 1st February, 1844, at the good old city of Worcester, and christened there on the following Palm Sunday, which might possibly account for my early love of Palming, or Sleight-of-hand! As my youthful record is on a par almost with that of the hero in A Bad Boy s Diary; I think I had better charitably draw the line here and pass it over. At sixteen, I found myself under fire, fighting under a foreign flag for some quixotic craze they called Liberty, with two other Englishmen only, instead of returning to England and entering Her Majesty s Navy, as my pater who was Lord...



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