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*I dedicate this book to the most charming of
all the señoritas I know; the one whose face
lingers longest in my memory while I am away,
and whose arms open widest when I return; the
most patient of my listeners, the most generous
of my critics—my little daughter MARION.*

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INTRODUCTION.

My probe has not gone very far below the surface. The task would have been uncongenial and the result superfluous. The record of the resources, religions, politics, governments, social conditions and misfortunes of Mexico already enlarges many folios and lies heavy on many shelves, and I hope on some consciences.

I have preferred rather to present what would appeal to the painter and idler. A land of white sunshine redolent with flowers; a land of gay costumes, crumbling churches, and old convents; a land of