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Most of the stories in this volume have already appeared in substance in *The Weekly Telegraph* and *The Colonies and India*, to whose editors I am indebted for the necessary permission to recapitulate the incidents. I dedicate the book with affectionate remembrances to the thousands of coloured friends with whom I had the pleasure of communing during my wanderings among those earthly paradises known vaguely on this side as the South Pacific Islands. I have enjoyed many a breezy talanoa over the yaqona-bowl with those splendid Polynesians, whose genial and kindly natures have always challenged my warmest admiration and gratitude, and I

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have published my story—or Noqu Talanoa —by way of letting the world know what good souls I think them to be. Forgetting their sometime waywardness, I shall always remember their sterling qualities, their large hearts, their lovable natures, and their genial humours. My tongue may cleave to my mouth if ever I cease to sing the praises of those bright and cheerful people, whose kindly comradeship, in danger as in sport, added so much zest and enjoyment to the glorious holiday it was my privilege to spend among the picturesque Pacific archipelagos, 'waiting for sundown.'

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