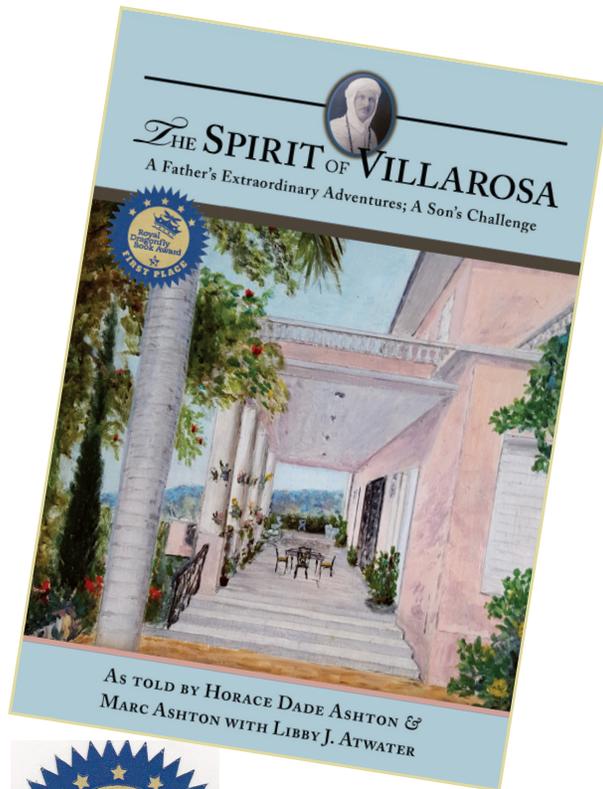


The Spirit of Villarosa

A Father's Extraordinary Adventures; A Son's Challenge (second edition)

as told by Horace Dade Ashton and Marc Ashton with Libby J. Atwater

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The Spirit of Villarosa would make an exciting adventure novel; because **it's a true story** makes it all the more exhilarating.



Dubbed the "original Indiana Jones," Horace Dade Ashton shared his extraordinary journeys through countless lectures, films, prize-winning photographs, and writing. A founding member of the Explorers Club in 1904, Ashton showed his passion for adventure by visiting many perilous, yet captivating corners of the world at a time when travel was not easy. He photographed the Wright brothers' first flight, traveled with Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft as their photographer and documented the devastation of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. In 1940, he became the cultural attaché to the U.S. embassy in Haiti and moved his young family to the island, where they remained until 2001.

The Spirit of Villarosa is a glorious account of Horace Ashton's remarkable adventures in his own words from letters and writings. These are juxtaposed with his son Marc's own 2001 harrowing captivity by armed, drug-crazed thugs seeking a staggering ransom. Marc believed the key to his escape lay in his famous father's exploits. He vowed he would escape his captors and tell the story of his father's amazing life.

Learn more at: TheSpiritOfVillarosa.com

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A clear example of an occasion where real life exceeds any work of action/adventure fiction novel, *The Spirit of Villarosa* is an inherently fascinating and consistently compelling read from cover to cover. This is the stuff of which block-buster movies are made. Very highly recommended. —*Midwest Book Review*

Please note:

An earlier edition of this book was released by Two Harbors Press in 2016 during its sale. Though *Spirit* received much recognition, the new publishers did not specialize in this genre. Gordana Press is now releasing this special book.

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Much of the book is taken from transcripts of recordings made by Horace Dade Ashton and his letters. Marc Ashton tells his story of being kidnapped intertwined with his father's recollections of adventures.

Marc Ashton arrived in Haiti as an infant when his father became the cultural attaché to the U.S. embassy in Haiti. He grew up, married and started numerous businesses in Haiti prior to his kidnapping that ignited this book. He is retired and now lives in Florida.

Libby J. Atwater has helped others tell their stories for more than twenty-five years. She's written ten nonfiction books and her award-winning memoir, *What Lies Within*, was released in 2013. She lives on California's Central Coast.

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