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"A superb presentation of a critically important archaeological site.Â It's a seamless synthesis of Hispanic historical sources [that] effectively ties the events played out at Puerto Real to the fifteenth- and sixteenth-century global geopolitical scene."--David Hurst Thomas, curator of anthropology, American Museum of Natural History

Puerto Real, Haiti, is the site of the largest and most intensive archaeological excavation of any Spanish colony in the Caribbean.Â It is a primary data source for understanding all Spanish colonial ventures in the region and a vital archival source for anyone concerned with the early history of European colonization in the New World. Â The essays were written by the international specialists who carried out the fieldwork.Â They include a first-hand account byÂ William H. Hodges, who discovered the site and brought it to the attention of archaeologists in Haiti and the United States, and discussion of the multiracial interactions of the Spaniards, American Indians, and Africans who lived there.Â Contents Part 1:Â The Contexts and Background of Puerto Real How We Found Puerto Real, by William H. Hodges Historical Archaeology at Puerto Real, by Kathleen Deagan The Natural and Cultural Settings of Puerto Real, by William H. Hodges, Kathleen Deagan, and Elizabeth Reitz A General History of Puerto Real, by William H. Hodges and Eugene Lyon Part 2:Â Community Organization and the Public Sector Spatial Patterning and Community Organization at Puerto Real, by Maurice Williams Empire and Architecture at Puerto Real:Â The Archaeology of Public Space, by Raymond F. Willis Archaeology in the Public Sector:Â Building B, by Rochelle Marrinan Part 3:Â The Spanish Households of Puerto Real Spanish Precedents and Domestic Life at Puerto Real:Â The Archaeology of Two Spanish Homesites, by Bonnie G. McEwan Merchants and Cattlemen:Â The Archaeology of a Commercial Structure at Puerto Real, by Kathleen Deagan and Elizabeth J. Reitz Part 4:Â Syntheses Animals, Environment, and the Spanish Diet at Puerto Real, by Elizabeth J. Reitz and Bonnie G. McEwan Indians and Africans at Puerto Real:Â The Ceramic Evidence, by Greg C. Smith Part 5:Â Epilogue The Aftermath of Puerto Real:Â Archaeology at Bayahñ, by Jennifer M. Hamilton and William H. Hodges After Columbus:Â The Sixteenth-Century Spanish-Caribbean Frontier, by Kathleen Deagan Â Kathleen Deagan is curator of historical archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, and the author or editor of numerous books and articles, including Sourcebook on Spanish St. Augustine, Spanish St. Augustine:Â The Archaeology of a Colonial Creole Community, and Archaeology at the National Greek Orthodox Shrine, St. Augustine, Florida (UPF, 1976).

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