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The Alhambra: Collection of Essays, Verbal Sketches, and Stories (Paperback)

By Washington Irving

Independently Published, United States, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. The Alhambra is a collection of essays, verbal sketches, and stories by Washington Irving. Background Irving lived at the Alhambra Palace while writing some of the material for his book. Shortly after completing a biography of Christopher Columbus in 1828, Washington Irving travelled from Madrid, where he had been staying, to Granada, Spain. At first sight, he described it as "a most picturesque and beautiful city, situated in one of the loveliest landscapes that I have ever seen." Irving was preparing a book called A Chronicle of the Conquest of Granada, a history of the years 1478-1492, and was continuing his research on the topic. He immediately asked the then-governor of the historic Alhambra Palace as well as the archbishop of Granada for access to the palace, which was granted because of Irving's celebrity status. Aided by a 35-year-old guide named Mateo Ximenes, Irving was inspired by his experience to write Tales of the Alhambra. The book combines description, myth and narrations of real historical events, even up through the destruction of some of the palace's towers by the French under Count Sebastiani in 1812, and the further damage caused by an earthquake...



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