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In 1848, Reverend Francis McDougall and his wife Harriette from England arrived in Sarawak, invited by the Rajah, Sir James Brooke, to be missionaries. First published in 1882, *Sketches of Our Life at Sarawak* was based on Harriette McDougall's journal, which she had kept during her twenty years in Kuching, and on her letters home. In the book, Harriette is a participant in events which are the stuff of history--whether the Chinese Insurrection or the plotting of the Malays or the presence of pirates which infested the Seas from Singapore to China--and although her views may differ from ours, she emerges from these pages as a perceptive and intelligent woman, deeply involved in everything around her, and affectionately devoted to the people whom she believed she had been called by God to serve. Her various roles as wife, mother, friend, counsellor, and teacher vividly emerge from the modest narrative as does an entertaining picture of the social life of the day. An interesting Introduction is included by R.H.W. Reece and A.J.M. Saint (the latter an authority on Anglicanism in Sarawak) and sheds much fresh light on the period.

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