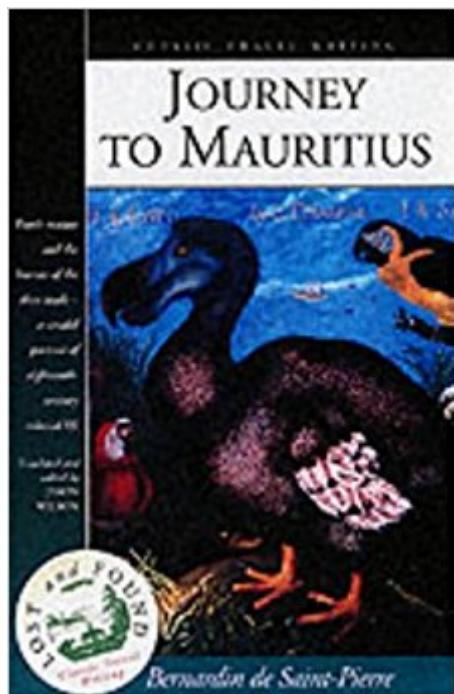


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A friend and disciple of Rousseau, BERNARDIN DE SAINT-PIERRE was a naturalist and influential social critic as well as a successful author. A military engineer by training, he was instrumental in popularizing pastoral fiction with *Paul et Virginie*. JASON WILSON, Professor of Latin American literature at University College, London, was born in Mauritius and is the author of books on

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