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The personal observation of the author on which this book is based commenced with the ascent Vesuvius in 1834, and, the next month, a sight of Stromboli and a tramp after minerals on the solfataric island of Milo. They were continued in 1838 by short excursions on Madeira and one of the Cape Verds; in 1839, by studies of the extinct volcanic regions of Xahiti, Tutuila and Upolu, and the basaltic outflows and overflows of Illawarra and other parts of New South Wales. They were further extended in 1840 by observations in the Feejees, and by explorations of the active and extinct volcanoes of the Hawaiian Islands; in 1841, by observations on a crater in the coast region of Oregon, instructive though distant views of some of the lofty cones of the Cascade Range, and a brief survey of an extinct volcano on the Sacramento (now called Marysville Butte) during an overland trip from Vancouver to San Francisco; and, finally, in 1860 by a second visit to Vesuvius, and in 1887 a second to the Hawaiian Islands.

The purpose of the work is the illustration of volcanic action and principles by special reference to the facts supplied by the great, open, free-working craters of Hawaii, and by comparing and contrasting these with the corresponding features and phenomena of Vesuvius.

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