

*A Central American Journey*  
By Roger W. Babson (with note “‘W’ for Ward”)  
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Babson saw Central America as a region of great importance in America’s commercial relations, and he foresaw the area having an even greater impact on American business in the future. In travelling as a member of the Central American Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in 1916, young Babson decided to write a book about American trade with Central America, as it would be of use to our nation’s foreign business relations.

Thus, this book is a story of an American family’s travels through Central America to discover a foreign culture and civilization. The Carroll family travels throughout Central America, viewing the natural beauty of the mountains, plantations and coast through the eyes of American travelers. The book reads somewhat like a child’s story, while it is also an informative trade resource. Chapter titles include: “A Southward Flight,” “The Great Waterway,” “A Plantation in Costa Rica,” “The Ancient Land of Nicaragua” and “From Coast to Capital in Guatemala.”

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