



Pirates & Privateers

The History of Maritime Piracy

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Pirate Quote

Deponent asked him who he was and whence he came, to which he said Thatch replied he came from Hell, and he would carry him presently.



Victim's description of Blackbeard, September 1718

Pirate Article

[Vengeance Is Mine](#)

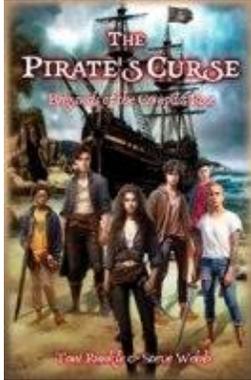
Pirates weren't known for being forgiving people. If they fired a shot across your bow, you were expected to surrender immediately. If you failed to do so, a red flag replaced the black one to signal that you were dead men. Pirates were also touchy about those who dared to show pirates just what awaited them if caught. Bartholomew Roberts and Edward Thache were both known to requite violence with violence. Thache certainly promised payback to New England ships because Massachusetts had had the audacity to hang the survivors of the *Whydah*. So what do you think his response was when he heard that a New England shipmaster got the better of Stede Bonnet?

Coming in the July issue: Part 4

Book Reviews

[The Pirate's Curse](#)

by Toni Runkle & Steve Webb



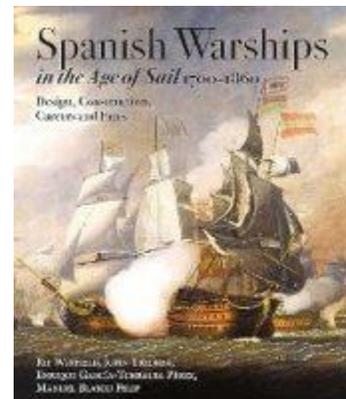
A long-ago curse affects those who are descended from the female pirate, Mary Read. One of these is outsider Bonnie Hartwright, who was abandoned at birth. As she learns who she is, what she is capable of, and how to trust, she is drawn deeper into the secret society that has vowed to protect others against the evil born the day Calico Jack Rackham hanged.

(Fiction)

[Spanish Warships in the Age of Sail 1700-1860](#)

by Rif Winfield, John Tredrea, Enrique García-Torralba Pérez, and Manuel Blasco Felip

A guide to the vessels of the Spanish Navy during the Bourbon monarchy from ships-of-the-line to auxiliaries that provides details about design, construction, careers, and fates.



(History: Navy)

Forthcoming Reviews

The Resolute, Inferno, Christopher Hawkins, Left for Dead, Sailors Ships and Sea Fights, Sailing Across the Seas, The Devil to Pay, The Pirate King, The Life and Times of Horatio Hornblower, Portsmouth Point, Queen Takes Hook, Dream Chaser, Manxmen at Sea in the Age of Nelson 1760-1815

Ahoy, Mates!

Welcome aboard, me hearties!

Come you in and enjoy these tidings even though they be late once again. For this, I am truly sorry.

Afore we go further, I bid special thanks to JSTOR, ScreenRant, Editors' Pick from *Naval History*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, Sea Scroll, gCaptain, eBaum's World, Collider, The Old Salt Blog, and Wreckwatch Magazine for their contributions to these tidings.



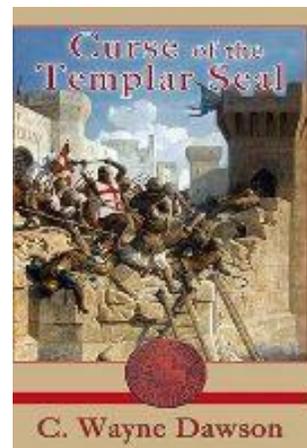
New Historical Novel

The man who inherits this seal will avenge the evil you have done and bring ruin to your kingdom.

These are the parting words of the lone Knight Templar to escape Acre in 1291. The Muslim Mamluks massacre his fellow knights. He takes with him the Order's seal.

For more than 200 years, the Elissalde family safeguards the Templar seal. In 1504, Mamluk agents steal the seal. Duarte Elissalde, a member of the Order of Christ and a descendant of the lone survivor, strives to recover the seal and bring ruin to the Mamluks.

He joins Pedro Cabral's expedition to India, where he teams up with Pacheco Pereira, a capable general and oceanographer during the Age of



Discovery. Using the rudiments of oceanography, they empower a band of 100 soldiers and sailors to defeat a force of 60,000.

C. Wayne Dawson, a former journalist and history professor, recounts this little-known, but decisive, event in [*Curse of the Templar Seal*](#). This historical novel is a powerful tale of shipwreck, exploration, and clashes of two cultures and religions. Ultimately, Duarte's quest will change the face of Asia.



A special thank you to those subscribers who took the time to let me know that the newsletter was received. Your kind words made the additional work I had to do worthwhile. Thanks for being devoted fans of *Pirates and Privateers*. Here are some of the good wishes and comments.

Keep it coming, Cindy, I'm really enjoying your articles, great work. ~ Clare

Thank you for all you do. ~ Jeff

I love *Pirates and Privateers*. ~ Captain Glenn

Thank you for all your hard work as always. I signed up for this newsletter when I was a senior in high school, and I'm now about to graduate college. It's been a lovely four years with you, and I intend to remain subscribed for many more! ~ Cami

Thanks for all that pirate fun! ~ Mike

I look forward to every issue! ~ Juliana

Thanks for all your hard work and sharing it with us! Huzzah!!! ~ Chissy

Until next time, fare you well. You and your families be always in my thoughts. Stay safe and take care.

Fair winds and following seas,
Cindy

News & Events*

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[15 Best Swashbuckling Films](#)

From classic silent to modern blockbusters, venture into the thrilling adventure, danger, and romance of pirate movies with swagger.

[Who Were the Real Pirates of the Caribbean?](#)

A 1724 blockbuster remains in print today and has inspired many a film and television show. Some of the information was fact and some was fiction. Reality was further muddied why another pirate book appeared in 1883. Sean Kinglsey delves into the real life of pirates during the early 18th century.

[Suspected Somali Pirates to Stand Trial](#)

Following an attack on the *Chrystal Arctic* on 10 May, the captured suspects will be prosecuted in the Seychelles.

[16 Gnarly Stories of the Most Notorious Pirates](#)

From Francois L'Ollonais to Zheng Yi Sao, here are short blurbs about well-known and lesser-known sea marauders.

[Black Sails Most Gruesome Death Rooted in History](#)

A fictional portrayal of Blackbeard's death versus the reality and where the idea came from.

[Talk Like a Pirate](#)

Wreckwatch TV looks at the real and fake language of pirates.

[Pirates of New Providence](#)

Marine archaeologists go in search of pirate ships and prizes lost during the golden age of piracy.

Maritime

[Do You Know?](#)

Forced to serve the Hongwu Emperor, Zheng He traveled more than 31,000 miles and visited at least 37 countries. But do you know how he came to be a great admiral?

[Showdown Off Camperdown](#)

When Napoleon's armies swept through the Netherlands, Dutch zealots saw the invasion as liberation. The Batavian Republic agreed to help him, but it pitted the Dutch against their archnemesis, Britain. Conflict at sea was certain to follow.

[Rescue and Betrayal](#)

After the British brig *Isabella* was stranded, an American sealing vessel promised to save the passengers and crew. An excerpt from Eric Jay Dolin's latest book, *Left for Dead*.

[Vasa](#)

Museum review from 2010 that explains why the Swedish warship capsized on her maiden voyage.

[Travelling by Sea](#)

Olympic torch arrives in Marseille aboard the 128-year-old barque *Belem*.

Events

[Tennessee Pirate Fest](#)

25-27 May 2024 in Harriman, Tennessee

[Pirates of the Nothe Fort](#)

25 May - 2 June 2024 in Weymouth, Dorset, UK

[The Brave and the Waves](#)

25 May - 2 June at The Historic Dockyards of Chatham in Chatham, Kent, UK

[Blackbeard Pirate Festival](#)

1-2 June 2024 in Hampton, Virginia

[Cape Cod Pirate Festival](#)

1, 2, 8, and 9 June 2024 in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

[Pirates Days](#)

2 June 2024 in Milford, Connecticut

[Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival](#)

14-16 June 2024 in Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

[Pirate Invasion of Long Beach](#)

29-30 June 2024 in Long Beach, California

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