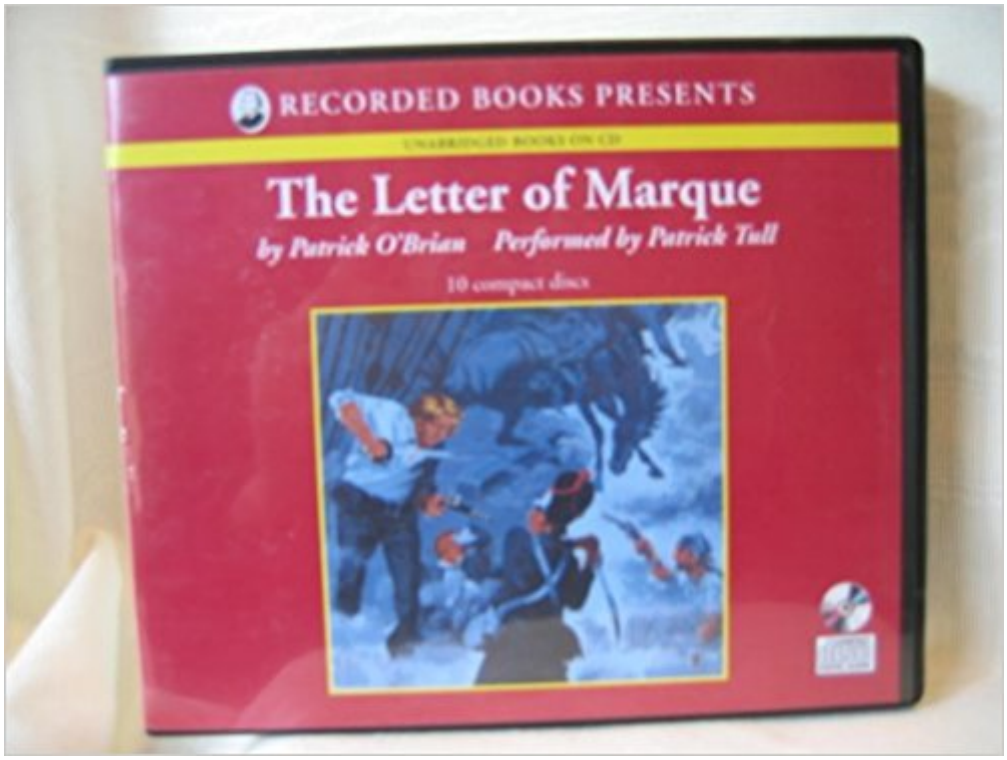
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What a great account of friendship at it’s best. I really love it when O’Brian details the strong bonds between the friends in these books. Forced to account for the true theme of this book, I would say friendship, love of friends. There is a lot going on in the book and things are looking up for Aubrey

and it is all possible because of his relationships with those around him. O’Brian has made Aubrey a sucker for every scheme ever developed on land and, although he is a slow learner in this environment, he does learn and grow. He is lucky to have the friends he does because they create the opportunities for Aubrey to change his fortunes. His fortunes change in interesting ways that are worth reading about so for the small expense of the book you can expect really good entertainment that sets up the great opportunities in the future for Aubrey. Even Maturin’s fortunes are looking up in every respect. I highly recommend the book.

"Letter of Marque" is 12th in the 20 novel Aubrey-Maturin series, featuring Captain Jack Aubrey and his companion ship surgeon Stephen Maturin, set in the early 1800s. "Letter of Marque" one a episode in a grand epic, and as such the plot is of secondary importance.SUMMARYJack Aubrey has been dismissed from the Royal Navy and is in low spirits. However, Stephen Maturin, now rich by inheritance, purchases the frigate "Surprise" and a "letter of Marque", i.e., an authorization to operate as a privateer. However, Stephen is still in the intelligence service, and the resulting missions are a mixture of intelligence collecting and profit making. The privateering goes well making Jack wealthy and popular. Later Stephen journeys to Sweden and is reconciled with his wife, Diana. In the meantime, partly as a result of the death of Jack’s father, Jack acquires a seat in Parliament, and sufficient influence to be given assurance that he will soon be reinstated in the Royal Navy.COMMENTS"Letter of Marque" is a typical installment in the saga, filled with fascinating characters, battles, sea lore, and insights into early. There is virtually no mystery or suspense, but rather high adventure. Many men will wish that Stephen simply divorce and forget Diane, but of course, that’s easier said than done.THE VERDICTI have lost track of how many times I have read the entire series start to finish-- somewhere between six and ten times, and I look forward to re-reading the series again and again. This is one of the grand classics to purchase in hardcover, and to bequeath to your grandchildren.> Click on ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“StoneyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• just below the product title to see my other reviews, or leave a comment to ask a question.

I’ve read all (except for the unfinished last) volumes in this series; and they are old friends; as I go back through the series for probably the 5th time I am reminded of the brilliance and genius of Patrick O’Brian, who has created one of the great friendships in all of English literature; a wonderful recreation of England and America of those early years of the 19th Century, and. as a sailor and naval historian I can attest to the astonishing accuracy and faithfulness to history O"Brian writes, bringing the Royal Navy back to our knowledge and characters we can greet as old friends.Go buy

the first two books. Be prepared to be enriched and entertained and amazed.

The whole series is wonderful, but I have a special fondness for this one because it focuses on privateering, a topic routinely botched by other authors.

The last few books in this series had gotten very complicated and very dark. This book hits a much-needed "reset" button. Captain Jack Aubrey, who in the last book was stripped of his rank and convicted of a crime he did not commit, blazes his way to exciting, glorious redemption. Doctor Stephen Maturin, while still flirting with disaster with his laudanum addiction, reconciles some of his personal problems and resolves a confusing, multi-book story arc with a bang.The Letter of Marque is a fun and exciting read, though the story was not especially emotionally involving, so did not stick with me as much as thought it would. Great history and wit as we've come to expect from this author. On to the next book!Reviewer: Liz Clare, co-author of the historical novel "To the Ends of the Earth: The Last Journey of Lewis and Clark"

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