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Synopsis

C.S. Forester, creator of the beloved Horatio Hornblower series, takes young readers on an exciting adventure to the shores of Tripoli in North Africa. ThatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s where, more than 200 years ago, the United States was threatened by “piratesÃ¢â ¬Â• who snatched American merchant ships and imprisoned sailors—and the countryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s young, untested navy took on the task of fighting the pirates in their home waters. This true tale features thrilling ocean battles, hand-to-hand combat, and the first landing on foreign soil by the US Marines, and itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s as fresh and relevant today as when it was first published.

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Customer Reviews

This is the story of the US Navy's fight against the Barbary Pirates of North Africa when Thomas Jefferson was president in the early 1800s. Interesting short book. He mentions the history of the Barbary PIrates being Muslim, and started committing piracy against the Christians off the coasts of North Africa centuries before the 1800s. He discusses that fact that there were four different states, Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers and Morocco, all nominally subservient to the Ottoman Empire in Constantinople, however, they pretty much did what they wanted. Forester makes the point that the

four states had been preying on Christians for centuries, and only periodically, did the Christian states repress the pirates. Generally the western Europe states paid tribute to be left alone as they were too busy with their wars with each other. Jefferson sent over five different Fleets, led by five different men, with mixed results, as leadership was everything.Well done short book covering the early heros of the United States Navy and their exploits. Suitable for all ages.

It was OK but I expected more.

Our family has collected all the Hornblower books. This was a chance to add to our Forester books from a new angle. The book has been a hit with our son. I'd recommend it.

Though not as interesting as his Hornblower books, these are true stories, not fiction. It is a great little book.

Was what I wanted met all expectations.

Excellent condition!

Great book and seller.

This book is a collection of essays on the history of the Barbary Pirates. The essays are short and informative, in that they touch on the early history of the US Marines. I was expecting more adventure and stories, similar to the other excellent books from CS Forester, but this it not it. I was disappointed.

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