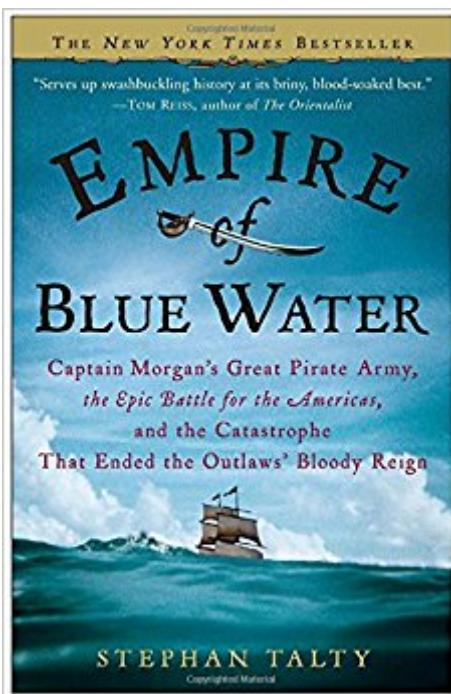


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Empire Of Blue Water: Captain Morgan's Great Pirate Army, The Epic Battle For The Americas, And The Catastrophe That Ended The Outlaws' Bloody Reign



Synopsis

A May 2007 Book Sense Pick—“Talty’s vigorous history of seventeenth-century pirates of the Caribbean will sate even fickle Jack Sparrow fans. . . . A pleasure to read from bow to stern.” • Entertainment Weekly The passion and violence of the age of exploration and empire come to vivid life in this story of the legendary pirate who took on the greatest military power on earth with a ragtag bunch of renegades. Awash with bloody battles, political intrigues, natural disaster, and a cast of characters more compelling, bizarre, and memorable than any found in a Hollywood swashbuckler, Empire of Blue Water brilliantly re-creates the life and times of Henry Morgan and the real pirates of the Caribbean.

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Customer Reviews

Journalist Talty (Mulatto America) entertainingly chronicles the life of legendary privateer Capt. Henry Morgan and his crucial role in challenging Spain’s hegemony in the New World in this informative popular history. Seeking his fortune, Welshman Morgan arrived in the Caribbean just as British King Charles II decided to challenge Spain by using pirates "as a stick with which to beat [them]." Morgan accepted a privateer’s commission from the British—in effect, a license to steal—and set out in 1661 to make his fortune. Smart and charismatic, Morgan quickly rose to the rank of captain and became "fabulously rich." His attack on the Spanish stronghold at Portobelo "showed the world that the empire was vulnerable," and his raid on the city of Panama—the "greatest raid in the history of buccaneering"—forced "the Spanish to

renounce their exclusive rights to the New World." Charles II knighted Morgan and appointed him deputy governor of Jamaica, a position that tasked him "the greatest of the buccaneers" with exterminating piracy. Morgan died of the effects of alcohol abuse in 1688 at 53. Talty strips away the legend to recreate a pivotal era in this accessible portrait of the pirates of the Caribbean. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Before he became rum, Cap'n Morgan humbled the Spanish Empire. Part swashbuckling pirate, part aristocratic wannabe Henry Morgan blended his desire for adventure and wealth into an innovative military approach. English greed and rugged individualism could defeat Spanish monarchical bureaucracy. Talty illustrates the lures that drew free spirits from the Old World and into the new. Port Royal, Jamaica, serving as the seventeenth-century's sin city, offered all the vices a young rogue craved, plus the pirate excursions to fund his debaucheries. Talty's well-researched account weaves together myriad political and financial interests in the New World. From the young rogue in search of wealth and a good time to the British monarchy looking for a cheap way to defeat the Spanish (and finding that champion in the young pirate), the pirate's ferocity and depravity became known and feared. Morgan succeeded, where most could not, in straddling dual roles. He stood as the vital force in British military cunning and success, and did so as a feared yet respected pirate. Blair ParsonsCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I'll be in the Caribbean for 3 weeks in March and always love to read the history of where I travel ... I have enjoyed reading about Captain Morgan and the barbaric tortures and the exploits of pirates. I keep looking up my Google Maps of the Caribbean to find out where Captain Morgan sailed. Unbelievable how brave and daring he was and how many pirates he led at one time. He ordered 500 head of cattle to be slaughtered and put on his ships for one mission. Wow - lot of food for a lot of pirates.

This is a good read that takes little known background of the Caribbean Pirates and their exploits and turns it into an interesting novel style type story. Easy reading and you will learn things you did not know about these bands of pirates.

Despite some grammatical errors in the first few chapters, I still have to give this book 5 stars. For

anyone who is a history buff, the author has no problem sucking you in making this book extremely difficult to put down. I recommend it to anyone who enjoys history, particularly pirate history and 17th century Caribbean history. All in all, a great read.

Hands down the best book I have ever read about pirates, privateers and the general history of both Europe and the Caribbean during that era. Easy to read, hard to put down. Thoroughly enjoyable.

I love historical fiction.....awesome. this book reminds of Wilbur Smith type of book. Loved it. Highly recommended, a must read if u like sea faring adventures

An enlightening book about the history of the Americas and the role of Captain Morgan and his buccaneers in changing the fate of Spain and England in the struggle for control of the Caribbean, Central and South America. Interesting to learn of the pirates and their system of sharing spoils among all participants. Seems like incentivizing any endeavor improves its likelihood of success

For all of those who dream of high seas adventure, this book is for you! I learned about it at a cocktail party where an executive stated that it was one of the best books he had ever written. Hyperbole at best I decided to give it a go. I couldn't put it down! A vivid true tale of Henry Morgan and his fearless crew right in our back yard in the Caribbean. A must read!

The story of Henry Morgan and the dramatic change in the Caribbean between 1600 - 1700 is compelling, but the author can get somewhat repetitive whenever he attempts to put events in a broader context.

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