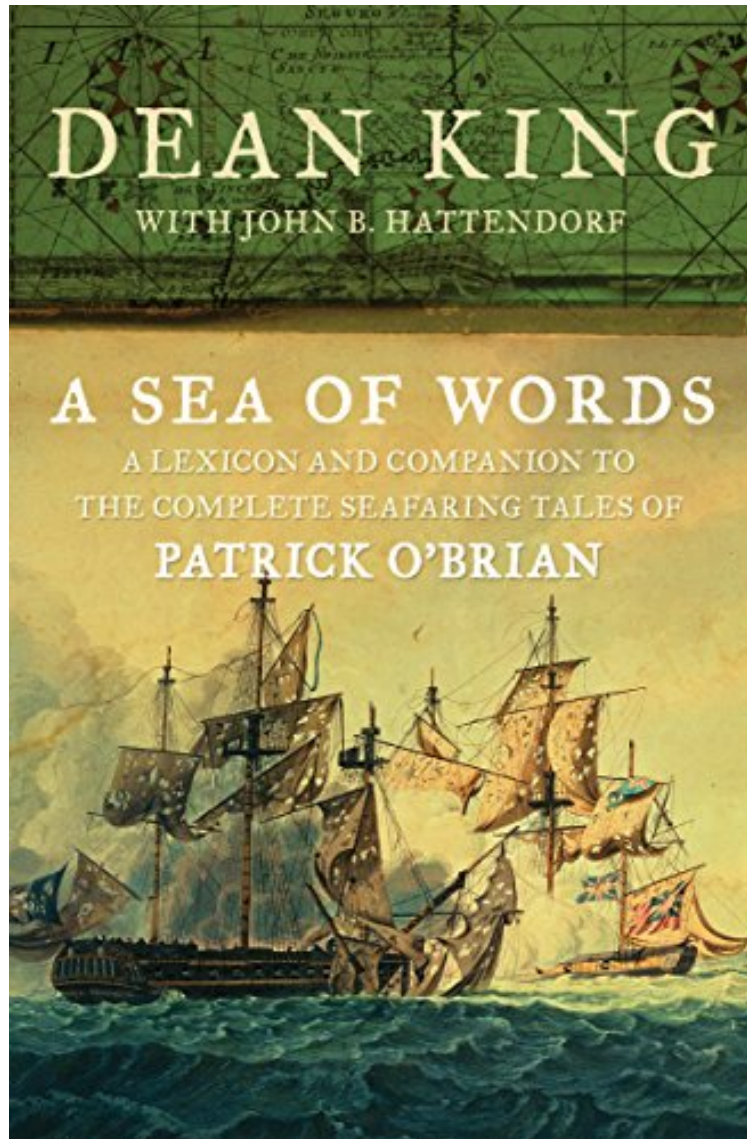


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**Von Dean King, John B. Hattendorf : A Sea of Words: A Lexicon and Companion to the Complete Seafaring Tales of Patrick O'Brian (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Sea of Words: A Lexicon and Companion to the Complete Seafaring Tales of Patrick O'Brian (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Competent and quite useful, but occasionally sloppyVon Ein KundeAs one-stop shopping for references to obscurities in the Aubrey/Maturin series, the book mostly succeeds. The information presented is mostly accurate, usually complete enough to satisfy the reader, and fairly well presented.Unfortunately, the second edition paperback I possess contained an annoyingly large number of typos and was sloppily edited and proofed (the book's practice of distinguishing names of persons, of terms cross-referenced, etc., seems to have caused fair amount of trouble).Also, while certainly any book of this sort must circumscribe its ambition somewhat, readers seeking a truly comprehensive vade mecum will be disappointed in the paucity of geographical references. I would not impute mercenary motives to Mr. King or his publisher, but it seems to me that at least some explanation of the locations referred to in the novels might have been provided without harming the potential sale of "Harbors and High Seas" or making this volume impossibly large, and would have made this an even more useful and comprehensive resource.3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not exactly required, but definately fun to readVon Hollister HerholdIf you're the kind of person who finds joy in reading about language and colloquialisms of the past, this is a great book. It also contains a fair amount of background on many of the historical (real) characters from the Aubrey/Maturin books, as well as many geographic locations visited from the novels. A brief chronology of the wars during the age of sail (Napoleonic, War of 1812, etc) is quite useful. I'm also fairly impressed with its completeness with the obviously strange ones - "Drowned Baby", for instance. (It's a dessert.) You don't need it to understand the language of O'Brian's books, but you'll probably have more fun if you bring "A Sea of Words" along for the ride.2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Gives the series a new dimensionVon Doug BriggsReaders who want to know everything there is about everything there is in the Aubrey/Maturin series will treasure this book. It isn't simply a glossary of seafaring terms, but provides bios of the more important naval figures of the time, the flora and fauna of Maturin's interests, geographical places encountered, some of which no longer bear the names of those times . . . In short, A Sea of Words describes just about everything in O'Brian's seafaring tales we're not likely to know.What is this bark that Stephen dispenses for certain ailments? Why, the bark of the Chinchona tree -- it contains quinine, says A Sea of Words, while also describing the many other medical terms he slings around.Jack attempts several times to give Stephen a grasp of the weather-gage, as it relates to ships in battle, but never so clearly as Dean King's description, which includes both the advantages of the weather- and lee-gages.It's all here, and even if one had the encyclopedias and all the other essential references needed, which I seriously doubt would be found even in a big-city library, why go shopping when one book will do?For those sorely needed maps, get Harbors High Seas by King and Hattendorf, and you're all set.

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