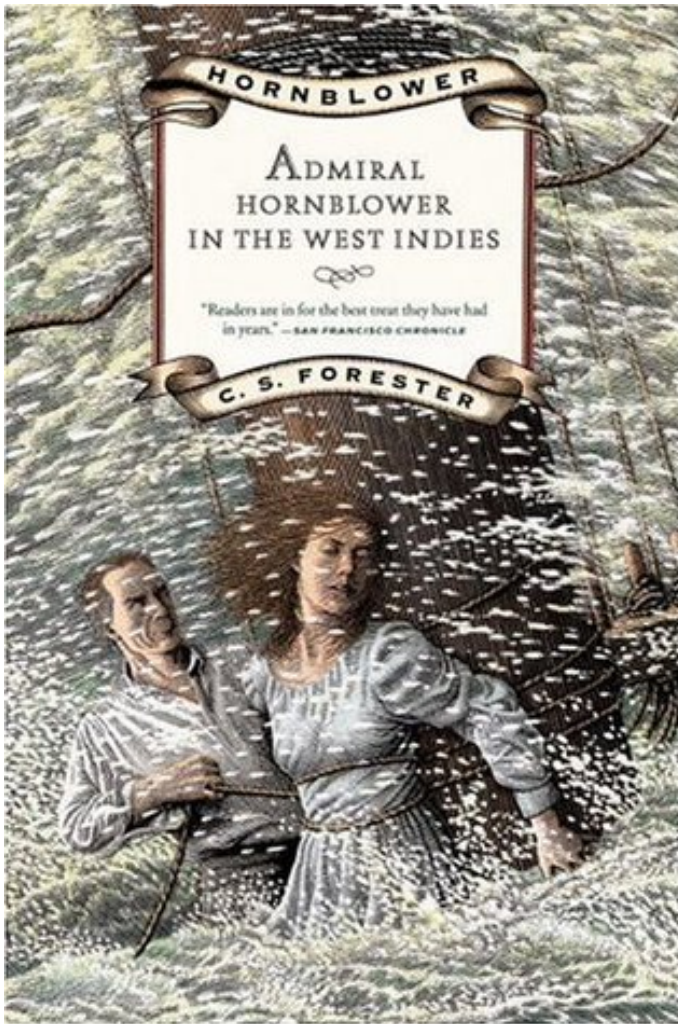

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Description

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Insightful reviews

Peter: This novel feels like a collection of loosely connected novellas, set over the course of several years. The storytelling is solid as usual but for the first time reading about Hornblower did I have some trouble suspending disbelief. Due to the sequential story arc structure of the book it was also difficult to build much suspense or emotional attachment and so this book fell a bit flat - although still entertaining - for me.

Vasha7: This book (the latest, according to [internal chronology](#), of the Hornblower novels) makes a change from the focus on the Napoleonic wars so typical of British naval fiction. It takes place between 1821 and 1823, and although one of its five nearly self-contained sections features a band of fanatical Bonapartists convinced that the Empire can still be revived, in the rest Hornblower is largely concerned with maneuvering through Britain's delicate non-hostile relations with Spain and the US. Potential source of conflict is Britain's intention to suppress the slave trade (Spain hadn't abolished slavery yet), and the bid for independence of Spain's new world possessions (Britain had not yet officially recognized their independence but tacitly favored it).

Forester enjoys inserting notes about how life is changing on the brink of the Victorian age: for one thing, Hornblower attends a reception, not in a uniform and cocked hat, but in a black evening coat and top hat (which first became popular in the 1820s). The author hints at the way the Navy is about to change beyond recognition, with wooden ships very soon to be phased out, but Hornblower unsurprisingly doesn't imagine it. At one point, he leads fleet exercises to train young officers to fight a battle in ships-of-the-line, unaware that Britain will never again fight such a battle.

As I noted, this book is divided into five chapters which almost seem to have been written independently of each other. Although the fourth, concerning a rich young British manufacturer who purchases a sold-out-of-the-service warship for hidden reasons, is quite good, I'm afraid I have to express the opinion that the general quality of the writing in this book is slack. Forester

overwrites Hornblower's mercurial emotions, having him repeatedly switch from happiness to despair in an exaggerated manner; some phrases are not well chosen; and although there are good plot ideas, they are not sustained in as interesting a manner as Forester ought to be capable of. So, although its setting makes a nice change of pace, I can't wholeheartedly recommend this book.

Garrett: Noticed it on the shelf and decided to re-read (third time, I believe), and I think I was more satisfied at the end than my first reading. I recall the first time, being frustrated that the story had ended and there would be no more adventures, but this time, having re-read the stories multiple times over and having considered the totality of Hornblower's life and career, I'm happy that it ends as it does; sort of like the great athlete who goes out on top instead of hanging on too long, so you only remember him at his best. Hornblower shows his age at times, but in the crisis, he's still the same Hornblower that can annoy you with his self-doubt, make you laugh with his dry wit, and amaze you with his daring and good fortune. Maybe some people get frustrated at what they perceive as a lack of development but the fact that I can always remember Hornblower as the unmoved hero is one of things I like the best and why I return again and again.

John Mac: Sadly, the final of the Hornblower novels, not less than chronologically speaking. It doesn't disappoint though. This booklet is extra a sequence of brief tales than a novel, all set in the course of Hornblower's three yr stint as Commander-in-chief within the West Indies. it is all exciting stuff though. Nonetheless, i will not support wishing we had Hornblower's lifestyles correct to the last. the quick tale "A ultimate Encounter" fills in a few information yet i want more. see you later Horatio!

Clark: I simply entire analyzing the complete Horatio Hornblower series, eleven books, all of which have been to be had at my public library. I first learn the various sequence as and, whereas I loved them on the time, i believe my existence reviews have enabled me to take pleasure in them much more now. My first effect is that C. S. Forester is an grand author. not just was once he in a position to paint the Hornblower character within the first book, yet he additionally used to be in a position to boost that character through the series, tweaking it properly as Hornblower complex in either age and place within the Royal Navy. the opposite factor that inspired me used to be Forester's wisdom of the sea, the ships of the British Navy, and the lifetime of the lads on these ships. He should have spent hours learning all the above. i've got performed a significantly quantity of boating myself and was once in a position to relive a lot of my stories interpreting those tremendous books. What enjoyable it was once to listen to many of the sea-going phrases again, such as: "leeward", "port", "starboard", "staysail", "lee shore", etc. as well as the entire above, those books properly coated global background in the course of the time period, really the increase and fall of Napoleon. If you might have the time, I strongly recommend analyzing the Hornblower series. it's even more stress-free to learn them within the order of Hornblower's occupation which, incidentally, isn't the order within which they have been written. you will discover the correct order on-line. It starts with "Mr. Midshipman Hornblower" and ends with this book: "Admiral Hornblower within the West Indies."

Mike (the Paladin): Well, this is often indexed because the final Hornblower novel (in chronological order). it really is just like the others a superb one. HH is now in control of the post-

war fleet within the western hemisphere and what we get this is type of a chain of small adventures best as much as the travail of a hurricane...I loved those and recommend you have to test those from the first. a few first-class ancient fiction with adventure, romance and action.Enjoy.

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