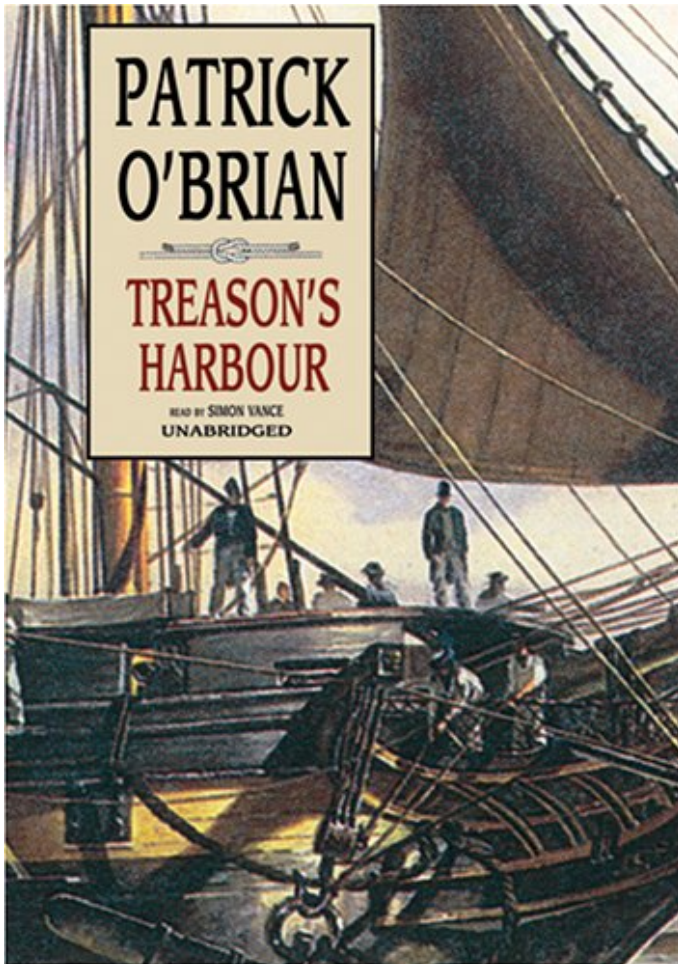


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**Patrick O'Brian**

**Treason's Harbour (Aubrey & Maturin #9)**



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## Description

All of Patrick O'Brian's strengths are on parade in this novel of action and intrigue, set partly in Malta, partly in the treacherous, pirate-infested waters of the Red Sea. While Captain Aubrey worries about repairs to his ship, Stephen Maturin assumes the center stage, for the stockyards and salons of Malta are alive with Napoleon's agents and the admiralty's intelligence network is compromised. Maturin's cunning is the sole bulwark against sabotage of Aubrey's daring mission.

## Insightful reviews

Leif: I'd wanted to start working on the O'Brien books again, since there are so many of them, and I'd only read the first several. I picked this book off the shelf and within about two pages realized that I had already read it, probably a year or two ago. Still, it was good enough that I just kept going. What can I say? O'Brien writes great characters, and does nautical action and adventure like nobody else.

I originally picked up this series because my girlfriend (now wife) had mentioned that these were some of her favorite books in the world. Wanting to have something to talk about with her, I waded in, and to be honest, if I hadn't been so invested in her interest in the book, I might have walked away because the first half of the book was very difficult going, full of strange vocabulary and ridiculously obscure terminology. But amazingly, about halfway through *Master and Commander*, it suddenly began to make sense, and the second half of the book was much more fun to read. I've loved every book since.

Neil Coulter:

[Treason's Harbour](#) continues the Mediterranean cruise that Aubrey and Maturin began in the previous volume. It also extends the bittersweet tone of that book, as Jack and Stephen age, mature, and reflect on their lives and their futures. Jack's luck is still not back to its early heights, though there are hints that it is set to change again. Until then, Jack contemplates the shape of his life:

For some time now he had been dissatisfied with himself. . . . It seemed to him that his reputation in the service (and with himself as one who watched Jack Aubrey's doings from a certain distance and with an almost perfect knowledge of his motives) was based on two or three fortunate actions, sea-fights that he could look back upon with real pleasure, small though they were; but they belonged to the past; they had all happened long ago; and now there were several men who stood far higher in the esteem of those whose opinion he valued. . . . It was as though he were running a race: a race in which he had done fairly well for a while, after a slow start, but one in which he could not hold his lead and was being overtaken, perhaps from lack of bottom, perhaps from lack of judgment, perhaps from lack of that particularly nameless quality that brought some men success when it just eluded others, though they might take equal pains. He could not put his fingers on the fault with any certainty, and there were days when he could say with

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real conviction that the whole thing was mere fatality, the other side of the good luck that had attended him in his twenties and early thirties, the restoration of the average. But there were other days when he felt that his profound uneasiness was an undeniable proof of the fault's existence, and that although he himself might not be able to name it, it was clear enough to others, particularly those in power: at all events, they had given many of the good appointments to other men, not to him. (153-154)

I find this to be a poignant summary of the thoughts that go through a man's head as he approaches middle age--and I can't help but wonder if these are the thoughts that attacked [O'Brian](#) as he began each new volume of the series, wondering if he still had one more story in him.

The plot of *Treason's Harbour* shows us more of the intelligence network operations that Stephen has been a part of, and we see it from multiple perspectives. It was interesting, and also frustrating, to know more than Stephen is seeing. I was also interested to see echoes of a former romantic rivalry between Jack and Stephen, which in this case has none of the substance of the former conflict and serves to highlight the age and development of the two characters.

The book ends, as many of these do, still in the midst of the Mediterranean voyage, with some hope of further adventures for the *Surprise* and its crew.

#### **My reviews of the Aubrey/Maturin series:**

[\*Master and Commander\*](#)

[\*Post Captain\*](#)

[\*H.M.S. Surprise\*](#)

[\*The Mauritius Command\*](#)

[\*Desolation Island\*](#)

[\*The Fortune of War\*](#)

[\*The Surgeon's Mate\*](#)

[\*The Ionian Mission\*](#)

[\*Treason's Harbour\*](#)

[\*The Far Side of the World\*](#)

[\*The Reverse of the Medal\*](#)

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[\*The Letter of Marque\*](#)

[\*The Thirteen-Gun Salute\*](#)

[\*The Nutmeg of Consolation\*](#)

[\*Clarissa Oakes\*](#)

[\*The Wine-Dark Sea\*](#)

[\*The Commodore\*](#)

[\*The Yellow Admiral\*](#)

[\*The Hundred Days\*](#)

[\*Blue at the Mizzen\*](#)

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Anna: The Aubrey & Maturin novels continue to delight. This one features Stephen's adventures with a diving bell, Jack rescuing a dog from a well, a nefarious spy who suffers from piles, and a foiled bear hunt. Another highlight is the visit of Mrs Fielding to the ship Surprise, which results in the crew's language improving remarkably: 'It was pleasant to hear the bosun cry, "Oh you... unskilful fellow" when a hand called Faster Doudle, staring aft at Mrs. Fielding, dropped a marline-spike from the maintop, very nearly transfixing Mr. Hollar's foot.' As ever, the dialogue is filled with wonderful puns and perfect comic timing, as well as constant affection for the characters. Much of the land-based action is set in and around Malta, where it is seemingly impossible to keep secrets as everyone gossips all the time. Various sea maneuvers are naturally present too, involving the wicked French and the untrustworthy Turks, however I generally pay less attention to these. It is the absurd details of character that make this series a joy to read. Moreover, I've never come across another writer that uses the enchanting word 'mumchance'.

Em: Like a couple of others during this series, this publication used to be very tricky to get hooked into until eventually the later passages. Stephen Maturin is distributed to the Mediterranean to interact in a few international relations in an Arabic quarter and of course, Jack Aubrey is conveying him. Their ship, the shock is in desire for maintenance so that they are restricted to port for a time and so they either get involved with a similar girl although neither of them is aware of the other's involvement or that every is unsuccessful of their personal way. Jack is enamored and Stephen is wary. for she is being burdened to offer information regarding their destiny plans to the French and Stephen is smart to her and feeds her undesirable information. but after they set out on

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their actual venture it fails and he does not suspect the real foe. Andrew Wray is the traitor, the guy who cheated Jack at cards, son-in-law of the fellow Jack had cuckolded, and likewise moment accountable for the British Intelligence force. on the finish of the ebook i think he prepared for the French to ill the ships sailed via his better half's father Admiral Harte, and Jack Aubrey (with Stephen as ship's surgeon). Harte is killed, so Wray's spouse will inherit his fortune, yet Jack and Stephen escape. confidently ranging from this aspect the following publication might be lots better.

Wendy: i began this ebook over a 12 months in the past ... most likely for me, the longest time period among the beginning and end of a book. it is challenging for me to provide an explanation for why i admire those books so much. a few of them should not extraordinarily interesting through any means. i feel it is the nostalgia of a less complicated time while ships have been crusing within the sea and other people have been speaking with letters for the main part. Sometimes I hate technology. it simply turns out to rule our international lots and that i lengthy for time while humans really needed to use their intelligence to put in writing a letter rather than utilizing textual content speak. 1st vocab notice of this book: Holden was once already sitting at his previous shipmate's table, one hand protecting a pitcher of wine, the opposite stretched out, pointing at a singularly impressive diamond spray in Jack Aubrey's hat. 'What, what's that?' he cried. 'It is a chelengk,' acknowledged Jack with a few complacency. 'Ain't I elegant?' chelengk: It used to be a turban decoration such as a principal flower with leaves and buds, and 13 upward-facing rays.

Gary Foss: there are many references to occasions in previous novels during this installment, yet i believe that readers of publication nine should be good conscious of the sequence as a complete by the point they get to this book. it isn't strictly essential to learn the full sequence sooner than attending to this one, yet I do imagine the interpreting event will be greater for having performed so. I'm pretty much bought in this series, and O'Brian as a story-teller, so i am not going to enter loads of aspect in this another than to notice that this installment of the "Aubrey & Maturin" sequence is extra Maturin than Aubrey. The naval exploits that function within the sequence take a backseat to the on-shore intrigue of the great doctor's paintings as an intelligence officer. There are significant naval parts to this one: a "man opposed to nature" fight and one dramatic sea conflict that (view spoiler)[occurs nearly on the finish (hide spoiler)]. that is not inevitably a nasty thing, brain you, however it does range a piece from the norm for this series, which generally punctuates every one act (if we expect of the unconventional as a 3 act play) with a few type of naval action. It's an exceptional piece of labor all around, so until one is basically Jonesin' for a few scorching man-of-war on man-of-war action, it really is nonetheless worthy a look.["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>

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