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*Piracy is a significant global threat to international sea-borne trade - the life-blood of modern industrial economies and vital for world economic survival. The pirates of today are constantly in the world's news media, preying on private and merchant shipping from small, high-speed vessels. Andrew Palmer here provides the historical background to the new piracy, its impact on the shipping and insurance industries and also considers the role of international*

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*bodies like the UN and the International Maritime Bureau, international law and the development of advanced naval and military measures. He shows how this 'new' piracy is rooted in the geopolitics and socio-economic conditions of the late-20th century where populations live on the margins and where weak or 'failed states' can encourage criminal activity and even international terrorism. Somalia is considered to be the nest of piracy, but hotspots include not only the Red Sea region, but also the whole Indian Ocean, West Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia and the South China Seas.*

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*On October 23, 2009, Somali pirates kidnapped Paul and Rachel Chandler from their sailing boat, the Lynn Rival, in the Seychelles, an archipelago in the Indian Ocean. In this remarkable memoir, the Chandlers recount their terrifying ordeal, revealing the inspiring and poignant story behind the dramatic headlines. The book chronicles the aftermath of the attack, and how the Chandlers' captors held them in Somalia for more than a year while trying to extort millions of dollars from their middle-class family. It goes on to describe how despite enduring threats, intimidation, solitary confinement, and even whippings,*

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*their unshakable belief in each other and their determination to survive sustained them. With its detailed, day-to-day account of the experience of being held captive by pirates, this unique and inspiring story will resonate with travelers the world over.*

*When an oil tanker is hijacked by a novice band of Somali pirates, It's a near impossible problem to solve in one of the most remote and dangerous places on earth. A team of experts are called in with one job to do, save the lives of the crew. Can this 'A-team' do so? Can they prevent a massive environmental disaster, rescue the ship and its hundred million dollar cargo?*

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Today 5 star recommended!  
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Ransom Drop, a true to real life,  
military suspense thriller, that  
reveals the secrets behind the  
resolution of Somali piracy. It's  
factually correct, fictionally  
fantastic, and written by the guy  
who delivered some of the largest  
ransoms ever paid at sea.  
Somali piracy attacks surged  
between 2005 and 2011. Although*

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*maritime piracy is as old as seaborne trade, and currently pirates also prey on ships in the Straits of Malacca and the waters of Southeast Asia, the Caribbean seas, and the Gulf of Guinea, what is unique about Somali pirates is the high frequency of attacks. Somali pirates almost exclusively attack vessels to hold cargos and crews hostage and negotiate their release in exchange for ransom. Piracy has not only imposed a hidden tax on world trade generally, it has severely affected the economic activities of neighboring countries. The actual and potential links between pirates and Islamist insurgents are another*

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*source of global concern. This report evaluates the nexus between pirates and terrorist organizations. This report shows that it is in the international community's common interest to find a resolution to Somali piracy, and more generally to help the government of Somalia to rebuild the country. Its findings reinforce the case for action. The costs imposed by Somali pirates on the global economy are so high that international mobilization to eradicate piracy off the horn of Africa not only has global security benefits, it also makes ample economic sense. This report affirms that, beyond its firepower and financial resources, the*

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*international community can and should assist Somalia with generating knowledge-knowledge of how local power dynamics shape the rules for resource-sharing, how they drive clan and sub-clan relationships, and ultimately how they determine national political stability-to find solutions to the piracy problem. The report exemplifies the value of using rigorous analytical tools to address some of the pressing problems of Africa.*

*Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age*

*A Captain's Duty*

*Life as a Hostage on Somalia's*

*Pirate Coast*

*Black Flags, Blue Waters: The*



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*Epic History of America's Most  
Notorious Pirates*

*The New Pirates*

*Between the Devil and the Deep  
Blue Sea*

*Somali Piracy and Terrorism in the  
Horn of Africa*

**The first contribution to Global  
Flashpoints: A Scarecrow  
Press Series, Christopher  
Daniels' Somali Piracy and  
Terrorism in the Horn of Africa  
provides readers with a  
comprehensive and in-depth  
analysis of the spate of piracy  
and terrorism plaguing the  
waters of Somalia and the  
global threat posed by this  
activity. Contesting the**

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***commonly held perception that the piracy and terrorism occurring in Somalia are two separate and unrelated activities, Daniels reveals how the collapse of the Somali state and the chaos that has ensued created the environment for piracy and terrorism to flourish in combination. He also notes how the failure to restore a functioning central government has allowed both to become dangerous threats not only to the people of Somalia but the entire world. Underscoring Somalia's dire state, Somali Piracy and***

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***Terrorism in the Horn of Africa lays out for readers such significant topics as the reasons behind the collapse of the Somali state and the secession of Somaliland, Puntland, and Jubaland; the rise of internationally-linked terrorist groups, such as Al-Shabaab and Hizbul Islam; and the dramatic spike in pirate attacks off the Somali coast. Daniels concludes by critiquing the methods that have been used to help alleviate these global security challenges and gives policy recommendations for future consideration. Designed to***

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***enhance readers' grasp of this global flashpoint, this volume includes a timeline, a glossary of terms, biographical entries on key individual and institutional actors in this conflict, and selected primary sources. It is the ideal introduction to students and scholars of international relations, African history and politics, terrorism, and maritime studies.***

***John C. Payne is a professional marine electrical engineer who has spent 35 years afloat on merchant ships and offshore oil industry vessels. He is a qualified***

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***Maritime Safety Auditor and Marine Surveyor as well as a cruising yachtsman. He has published more than a dozen books for yachts and pleasure vessels as well as numerous magazine articles. Currently, he works in Asia and the Middle East on various maritime and offshore projects.***

***Since 2008 increasing pirate activities in Somalia, the Gulf of Aden, and the Indian Ocean have once again drawn the international community's attention to piracy and armed robbery at sea. States are resolved to repress these***

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***impediments to the free flow of trade and navigation. To this end a number of multinational counter-piracy missions have been deployed to the region. This book describes the enforcement powers that States may rely upon in their quest to repress piracy in the larger Gulf of Aden region. The piracy rules of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the legal safeguards applicable to maritime interception operations are scrutinized before the analysis turns to the criminal prosecution of pirates and***

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***armed robbers at sea. The discussion includes so-called shiprider agreements, the transfers of alleged offenders to regional states, the jurisdictional bases for prosecuting pirates, and the feasibility of an international(ized) venue for their trial. In addressing a range of relevant issues, this book presents a detailed and comprehensive up-to-date analysis of the legal issues pertaining to the repression of piracy and armed robbery at sea and assesses whether the currently existing legal regime is still adequate to effectively***

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***counter piracy in the 21st  
century.***

***Intrepid travel historian Justin  
Marozzi retraces the footsteps  
of Herodotus through the  
Mediterranean and Middle  
East, examining Herodotus's  
2,500-year-old observations  
about the cultures and places  
he visited and finding echoes  
of his legacy reverberating to  
this day. The Way of  
Herodotus is a lively yet  
thought-provoking excursion  
into the world of Herodotus,  
with the man who invented  
history ever present, guiding  
the narrative with his  
discursive spirit.***



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***Pirates***

***War and Peace in Somalia***

***Sweetness and Blood***

***How Control of the World's***

***Oceans Shapes the Fate of the***

***Superpowers***

***Inside the Hidden World of***

***Somalia's Pirates. Jay***

***Bahadur***

***The Mayor of Mogadishu***

***A Story of Life, Love, and***

***Death in Foreign Lands***

Villains of All Nations explores the 'Golden Age' of Atlantic piracy (1716-1726) and the infamous generation whose images underlie our modern, romanticized view of pirates. Rediker introduces us to the dreaded black flag, the Jolly

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Roger; swashbuckling figures such as Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard; and the unnamed, unlimbed pirate who was likely Robert Louis Stevenson's model for Long John Silver in *Treasure Island*. This history shows from the bottom up how sailors emerged from deadly working conditions on merchant and naval ships, turned pirate, and created a starkly different reality aboard their own ships, electing their officers, dividing their booty equitably, and maintaining a multinational social order. The real lives of this motley crew-which included cross-dressing women, people of color, and the 'outcasts of all nations'-are far more compelling than

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contemporary myth.

Soon to be a major motion picture  
The first close-up look at the hidden world of Somali pirates by a young journalist who dared to make his way into their remote havens and spent a year infiltrating their lives. For centuries, stories of pirates have captured imaginations around the world. The recent ragtag bands of pirates off the coast of Somalia, hijacking multimillion-dollar tankers owned by international shipping conglomerates, have brought the scourge of piracy into the modern era. Jay Bahadur 's riveting narrative exposé—the first of its kind—looks at who these men are, how they live, the forces that

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created piracy in Somalia, how the pirates spend the ransom money, how they deal with their hostages, among much, much more. It is a revelation of a dangerous world at the epicenter of political and natural disaster.

In 2009, the United States was hit broadside by Somali pirates who attempted to capture the U.S. flag ship "Maersk Alabama." Suddenly, the pirates were no longer a distant menace. They had thrust themselves onto the American stage. Are the Somali pirates a legion of desperate fishermen attacking cargo ships and ocean cruisers to reclaim their waters? Or is piracy connected to crime networks and the madness that

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grips Somalia? What threats do pirates pose to international security? To answer these questions, Peter Eichstaedt crisscrosses East Africa, meeting with pirates both in and out of prisons, talking with them about their lives, tactics, and motives. Ultimately, he comes face-to-face with a former fighter with Somalia's brutal Islamic al-Shabaab militia. He discovers that piracy is a symptom of a much deeper problem: Somalia itself. "Pirate State" explores the links between the pirates, global financiers, and extremists who control southern Somalia and whose influence extends across the Gulf of Aden into Yemen and connects to

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extremists in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Somali pirates are desperate and dangerous men who will do just about anything for money, and "Pirate State "argues that turning a blind eye to piracy and the problems of Somalia is inviting a disaster of horrific proportions."

With surprising tales of vicious mutineers, imperial riches, and high-seas intrigue, Black Flags, Blue Waters is " rumbustious enough for the adventure-hungry " (Peter Lewis, San Francisco Chronicle). Set against the backdrop of the Age of Exploration, Black Flags, Blue Waters reveals the surprising history of American piracy ' s " Golden Age " -

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spanning the late 1600s through the early 1700s - when lawless pirates plied the coastal waters of North America and beyond.

“ Deftly blending scholarship and drama ” (Richard Zacks), best-selling author Eric Jay Dolin illustrates how American colonists at first supported these outrageous pirates in an early display of solidarity against the Crown, and then violently opposed them. Through engrossing episodes of roguish glamour and extreme brutality, Dolin depicts the star pirates of this period, among them the towering Blackbeard, the ill-fated Captain Kidd, and sadistic Edward Low, who delighted in torturing his prey. Upending

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popular misconceptions and cartoonish stereotypes, *Black Flags, Blue Waters* is a “tour de force history” (Michael Pierce, *Midwestern Rewind*) of the seafaring outlaws whose raids reflect the precarious nature of American colonial life.

Inside Somalia's Terrorism at Sea

The Kidnapping of Jessica

Buchanan and Her Dramatic

Rescue by SEAL Team Six

The Legal Framework for Counter-

Piracy Operations in Somalia and

the Gulf of Aden

Book 1 of The Response Files

Commanding Task Force 151 Off

Somalia

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To Rule the Waves



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This is the true story of a voyage, a voyage around the world. However, the tale is much more than you might expect. There are tropical beaches, exotic countries, fascinating people, nights at sea filled with the most brilliant stars one could ever see, and of course sailing stories. Yet there is more because this book is also about what happened to four friends so far away in the Indian Ocean who were sailing on the sailboat Quest and the deadly Somali pirate attack. It seems the press will never let a good story stand in the way of truth as with publicized stories, magazine articles, obscure books and television broadcasts about the Quest incident. The sailboat Quest was part of a group of sailboats on an ill-fated sailing Rally crossing the Indian Ocean in February 2011. That year, 2011, saw the greatest number of Somali pirate attacks in history on ships and shipping in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. Unfortunately, this

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group of sailboats became part of the statistics. The Quest incident changed history as well as the mentality of sailing around the world on one's own sailboat. Sailing around the world is a challenge that is incomparable to any endeavor one can think of on Earth. Obviously there are shorter, more intense and difficult ways to challenge the very being of a person. Yet, to sail so far away from land, support, help and comfort as well as to sail for such long periods of time, very few events can equal ocean sailing on this planet. Space travel would definitely suit many long distance sailors for these same reasons. The sailboat Quest joined the Rally in Thailand and its' crewmembers were subsequently captured and killed by Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean. This incredible story is one that needs to be told by a member of that sailing Rally.

From an internationally acclaimed writer,

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Crossbones is a tense and moving portrait of individuals cast against overpowering social forces. An aging Jeebleh has returned to Somalia to visit old friends in his beloved Mogadiscio. He is accompanied by his son-in-law, Malik, a journalist intent on covering the region's ongoing turmoil. Instead of chaos, however, the two are greeted by an eerie calm, enforced by white-robed figures bearing whips. Soon, Malik's brother, Ahl, arrives in Puntland, the region notorious as a pirates' base. Ahl is searching for his stepson, who has vanished from the States, apparently recruited by an imam allied to Somalia's rising insurgency. As Somalis brace for an Ethiopian invasion, the brothers' efforts draw them deeper into the fabric of the country. Then the borders are breached, the country's uneasy quiet shattered, and Malik and Ahl experience firsthand the derailments of war. Timely and illuminating, Crossbones reaffirms

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Nuruddin Farah's stature as 'the literary voice of his country on the world stage' (Minneapolis Star Tribute).

Rear Admiral Terry McKnight, USN (Ret.) served as Commander, Counter-Piracy Task Force-Gulf of Aden. He wrote the first draft of the Navy 's handbook on fighting piracy while serving as the initial commander of Combined Task Force 151, an international effort to deploy naval vessels from several nations in a manner designed to prevent piracy in the Gulf of Aden and farther out into the Indian Ocean. McKnight personally commanded operations that disrupted several hijackings in progress, and resulted in the capture of sixteen Somali pirates. That 's when he ran head-on into the bizarre U.S. policy of catch-and-release, and realized that there 's a lot more to fighting piracy than just catching some skinny youngsters armed with AK-47s and RPGs. After his tour in the waters off the

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Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, he retired from the Navy and began seriously researching the subject. As a result, he and his co-author, journalist Michael Hirsh, have put together a very readable book that serves as a comprehensive introductory course on the subject. *Pirate Alley* includes a behind-the-scenes look at the SEAL Team 6 takedown of the pirates who had kidnapped Captain Richard Phillips of the *Maersk Alabama*. It also reveals what a young Ph.D. candidate from Duke University found during three months on the ground in Somali pirate villages. *Pirate Alley* explores every aspect of Somali piracy, from how the pirates operate to how the actions of a relative handful of youthful criminals and their bosses have impacted the world economy. The book examines various answers to the question “ How do you solve a problem like Somalia? ” It explores the debate over the recently adopted

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practice of putting armed guards aboard merchant ships, and focuses on the best management practices that are changing the ways that ships are outfitted for travel through what 's known as the High Risk Area. Readers will learn that the consequence of protecting high quality targets such as container ships and crude oil carriers may be that pirates turn to crime on land, such as the kidnapping of foreigners. The work also focuses on the worldwide economic impact of piracy, noting that despite claims that piracy is costing as much as \$13 billion a year, one of the largest commercial shipping companies argues that over-reaching national and international shipping regulations have a significantly greater negative effect on the world 's economy than does piracy. In the book 's conclusion, McKnight contends that, in the interest of justice, nations need to beef up their ability to prosecute and imprison

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captured pirates. And that the United States has no choice but to continue to hew to a policy that was first stated in Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution: The Congress shall have Power...to define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations.

For the last thirty years Somalia has experienced violence and upheaval. Today, the international effort to help Somalis build a federal state and achieve stability is challenged by deep-rooted grievances, local conflicts and a powerful insurgency led by Al-Shabaab. Consisting of forty-four chapters by conflict resolution specialists and the world's leading experts on Somalia, this volume constitutes a unique compendium of insights into the insurgency and its impact. *War and Peace in Somalia* explores the legacies of past violence, especially impunity, illegitimacy and exclusion, and the need for national

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reconciliation. Drawing on decades of experience and months of field research, the contributors throw light on diverse forms of local conflict, its interrelated causes, and what can be done about it. They share original research on the role of women, men and youth in the conflict, and present new insight into Al-Shabaab--particularly the group's multi-dimensional strategy, the motivations of its fighters, their foreign links, and the prospects for engagement. This ground-breaking volume illuminates the war in Somalia, and sets out what can and should be done to bring it to an end. For policymakers and researchers covering Somalia, East Africa, extremism or conflict resolution, this is a must-read.

A Story of Chaos and Redemption in The  
Ruins of Somalia

A Year at Gunpoint with Somali Pirates  
Voyage Into Hell  
Kidnapped



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Inside Their Hidden World

977 Days Captive on the Somali Pirate Coast  
The Desert and the Sea

**After his bodyguards  
double-cross him,  
journalist Colin Freeman  
finds himself captured by  
Somali pirates, beginning  
a nightmare 40 days in the  
hands of some of the most  
dangerous men in the  
world. It is a terrifying  
experience - the gang's  
hideout is attacked by  
rival pirates, Freeman is  
threatened with being  
handed over to Islamists  
who wish to execute him  
and he constantly fears  
death at the hands of his**

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constantly drug-addled captors. But he survives - thinner, greyer and wiser - to tell the tale of an astonishing adventure in a surprisingly funny and fond way.

The true story of a retired British army officer's private Somali-hostage rescue mission During the peak of the Somali piracy crisis, three ships - from Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan - were hijacked and then abandoned to their fate by their employers, who lacked the money to pay ransoms. All would

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still be there, were it not for Colonel John Steed, a retired British military attaché, who launched his own private mission to free them. At 65, Colonel Steed was hardly an ideal saviour. With no experience in hostage negotiations and no money behind him, he had to raise the ransom cash from scratch, running the operation from his spare room and ferrying million-dollar ransom payments around in the boot of his car. Drawing on first-hand interviews, former chief foreign

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correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph, Colin Freeman, who has himself spent time held hostage by Somali pirates, takes readers on an inside track into the world of hostage negotiation and one man's heroic rescue mission. Providing a timely and never-before-seen perspective on the ever-increasing menace of Somali pirates, this account shows how the cargo ship and oil tanker hijackings and ransoms in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean have turned one of the world's busiest

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shipping lanes into one of the most dangerous. By way of one-on-one interviews with pirates, their associates, their victims, and those who police them, the book reveals piracy's origins, tactics, and increasing links to terrorists in Somalia, East Africa, and the Middle East, including Yemen, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. These sources point to a scenario in which Somali pirates might not just be out for themselves; they may be a part of a larger, more sinister infrastructure of

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global financiers and  
Islamic extremists  
that--if not dealt with  
soon--could greatly  
destabilize the region and  
perhaps threaten United  
States national security.

"A collection of texts  
that takes a broad  
perspective on digital  
piracy and attempts to  
capture the  
multidimensional impacts  
of digital piracy on  
capitalist society  
today"--

Hostage

Captured at Sea

The Zanzibar Chest

Crossbones

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**Inside the Outlaw State of  
Somalia**

**The Way of Herodotus**

**Somali Pirates, Navy**

**SEALs, and Dangerous Days**

**at Sea**

*How did an obscure tribal sport from precolonial Hawaii—one that was nearly eliminated by Christian missionaries—jump oceans to California and Australia? And how did it become such a worldwide passion, even in places where the surf may be excellent but the society is highly conservative or superstitious about the sea? In *Sweetness and Blood*—a brilliantly written travel adventure—journalist (and surfer) Michael Scott Moore visits unlikely surfing*

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*destinations—Israel and the Gaza Strip, West Africa, Great Britain, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Cuba, and Morocco—to find out. Whether he is connecting eccentric surf legend Doc Paskowitz to the Arab-Israeli conflict, trying to deconstruct the terrorist bombing in a nightclub in Bali, or being chased by the German police while surfing a river break in Berlin, Moore masterfully weaves together politics, culture, history, and surfing to create a book like no other.*

*Spanning from the Caribbean to East Asia and covering almost 3,000 years of history, from Classical Antiquity to the eve of the twenty-first century, Persistent Piracy is an important contribution*



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*to the history of the state formation as well as the history of violence at sea.*

*Although the war in Afghanistan is now in its endgame, the West's struggle to eliminate the threat from Al Qaeda is far from over. A decade after 9/11, the war on terror has entered a new phase and, it would seem, a new territory. In early 2010, Al Qaeda operatives were reportedly "streaming" out of central Asia toward Somalia and the surrounding region. Somalia, now home to some of the world's most dangerous terrorists, was already the world's most failed state. Two decades of anarchy have spawned not just Islamic extremism but piracy, famine, and a seemingly*

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*endless clan-based civil war that has killed an estimated 500,000, turned millions into refugees, and caused hundreds of thousands more to flee and settle in Europe and North America. What is now happening in Somalia directly threatens the security of the world, possibly more than any other region on earth. James Fergusson's book is the first accessible account of how Somalia became the world's most dangerous place and what we can—and should—do about it. When rookie journalist Jay Bahadur (Peters) has an inspiring chance encounter with his idol (Pacino), he uproots his life and moves to Somalia looking for the story of a lifetime. Hooking up with a local*

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*fixer (Abdi), he attempts to embed himself with the local Somali pirates, only to find himself quickly in over his head. Based on the true story of one reporter's risk-taking adventure that ultimately brought the world an unprecedented first-person account of The Pirates of Somalia.*

*Villains of All Nations*

*Piracy Today*

*The True Story of a Sailing Rally,  
Somali Pirates and the Quest*

*Tragedy*

*Impossible Odds*

*Leakages from Modernity*

*Somalia the New Barbary?*

*The mission to rescue the hostages  
the world forgot*

**Somali piracy has been linked**

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**repeatedly to the spectre of  
Barbary. Piracy off the Horn of  
Africa has certainly raged with  
the intensity of a perfect storm  
with the spread of conflict and  
disorder. The purpose of this  
book is to examine whether or  
not state failure is a useful and  
accurate explanation for  
Somali piracy and if violent  
Islamism could exploit what  
the pirates have achieved for  
their own ends. It reviews the  
history, motivation,  
organization, criminal methods  
and operational tactics of the  
Somali pirates from their first  
manifestations in the  
mid-1990s to the present. It  
attempts to show that their**

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**activities and their fortunes are linked to the rise and fall of political groups within Somalia. It asks why and how violent Islamist groups operate within Somalia and the degree to which they might exploit the maritime dimension in the future. Finally it reviews whether or not the political and military solutions being practised or proposed currently will resolve either problem.**

**A global account of pirates and their modus operandi from the middle ages to the present day In the twenty-first century piracy has regained a central place in Western culture,**

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**thanks to a surprising combination of Johnny Depp and the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise as well as the dramatic rise of modern-day piracy around Somalia and the Horn of Africa. In this global history of the phenomenon, maritime terrorism and piracy expert Peter Lehr casts fresh light on pirates. Ranging from the Vikings and Wako pirates in the Middle Ages to modern day Somali pirates, Lehr delves deep into what motivates pirates and how they operate. He also illuminates the state's role in the development of piracy throughout history:**

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**from privateers sanctioned by Queen Elizabeth to pirates operating off the coast of Africa taking the law into their own hands. After exploring the structural failures which create fertile ground for pirate activities, Lehr evaluates the success of counter-piracy efforts—and the reasons behind its failures.**

**How is it possible for six men to take a Liberian-flagged oil tanker hostage and negotiate a huge pay out for the return of its crew and 2.2 million barrels of crude oil? In his gripping new book, Jatin Dua answers this question by exploring the unprecedented upsurge in**

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**maritime piracy off the coast of Somalia in the twenty-first century. Taking the reader inside pirate communities in Somalia, onboard multinational container ships, and within insurance offices in London, Dua connects modern day pirates to longer histories of trade and disputes over protection. In our increasingly technological world, maritime piracy represents not only an interruption, but an attempt to insert oneself within the world of oceanic trade. Captured at Sea moves beyond the binaries of legal and illegal to illustrate how the seas continue to be key sites of global regulation,**



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**connectivity, and commerce today.**

**"I share the country's admiration for the bravery of Captain Phillips and his selfless concern for his crew. His courage is a model for all Americans." --President Barack Obama** It was just another day on the job for fifty-three-year-old Richard Phillips, captain of the Maersk Alabama, the United States-flagged cargo ship which was carrying, among other things, food and agricultural materials for the World Food Program. That all changed when armed Somali pirates boarded the ship. The pirates didn't expect the crew

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**to fight back, nor did they expect Captain Phillips to offer himself as hostage in exchange for the safety of his crew. Thus began the tense five-day stand-off, which ended in a daring high-seas rescue when U.S. Navy SEALs opened fire and picked off three of the captors. "It never ends like this," Captain Phillips said. And he's right. A Captain's Duty tells the life-and-death drama of the Vermont native who was held captive on a tiny lifeboat off Somalia's anarchic, gun-plagued shores. A story of adventure and courage, it provides the intimate details of this high-seas hostage-**

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**taking--the unbearable heat, the death threats, the mock executions, and the escape attempt. When the pirates boarded his ship, Captain Phillips put his experience into action, doing everything he could to safeguard his crew. And when he was held captive by the pirates, he marshaled all his resources to ensure his own survival, withstanding intense physical hardship and an escalating battle of wills with the pirates. This was it: the moment where training meets instinct and where character is everything. Richard Phillips was ready.**

### **Hijacked**

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**A New History, from Vikings to  
Somali Raiders**

**How Surfing Spread from  
Hawaii and California to the  
Rest of the World, with Some  
Unexpected Results**

**The Pirates of Somalia  
Ending the Threat, Rebuilding  
a Nation**

**Pirate Alley**

**The International Response to  
Somali Piracy**

*An examination of colonialism and its  
consequences. "A sweeping, poetic  
homage to Africa, a continent made vivid  
by Hartley's capable, stunning prose"  
(Publishers Weekly). In his final days,  
Aidan Hartley's father said to him, "We  
should have never come." Those words  
spoke of a colonial legacy that stretched  
back through four generations of one*

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*British family. From a great-great-grandfather who defended British settlements in nineteenth-century New Zealand, to his father, a colonial officer sent to Africa in the 1920s and who later returned to raise a family there—these were intrepid men who traveled to exotic lands to conquer, build, and bear witness. And there was Aidan, who became a journalist covering Africa in the 1990s, a decade marked by terror and genocide. After encountering the violence in Somalia, Uganda, and Rwanda, Aidan retreated to his family's house in Kenya where he discovered the Zanzibar chest his father left him. Intricately hand-carved, the chest contained the diaries of his father's best friend, Peter Davey, an Englishman who had died under obscure circumstances five decades before. With the papers as his guide, Hartley embarked on a journey not only to unlock the secrets*

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*of Davey's life, but his own. "The finest account of a war correspondent's psychic wracking since Michael Herr's Dispatches." —Rian Malan, author of My Traitor's Heart*

*Michael Scott Moore, a journalist and the author of Sweetness and Blood, incorporates personal narrative and rigorous investigative journalism in this profound and revelatory memoir of his three-year captivity by Somali pirates—a riveting, thoughtful, and emotionally resonant exploration of foreign policy, religious extremism, and the costs of survival. In January 2012, having covered a Somali pirate trial in Hamburg for Spiegel Online International—and funded by a grant from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting—Michael Scott Moore traveled to the Horn of Africa to write about piracy and ways to end it. In a terrible twist of fate, Moore himself was*

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*kidnapped and subsequently held captive by Somali pirates. Subjected to conditions that break even the strongest spirits—physical injury, starvation, isolation, terror—Moore’s survival is a testament to his indomitable strength of mind. In September 2014, after 977 days, he walked free when his ransom was put together by the help of several US and German institutions, friends, colleagues, and his strong-willed mother. Yet Moore’s own struggle is only part of the story: The Desert and the Sea falls at the intersection of reportage, memoir, and history. Caught between Muslim pirates, the looming threat of Al-Shabaab, and the rise of ISIS, Moore observes the worlds that surrounded him—the economics and history of piracy; the effects of post-colonialism; the politics of hostage negotiation and ransom; while also conjuring the various faces of Islam—and*

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*places his ordeal in the context of the larger political and historical issues. A sort of Catch-22 meets Black Hawk Down, The Desert and the Sea is written with dark humor, candor, and a journalist's clinical distance and eye for detail. Moore offers an intimate and otherwise inaccessible view of life as we cannot fathom it, brilliantly weaving his own experience as a hostage with the social, economic, religious, and political factors creating it. The Desert and the Sea is wildly compelling and a book that will take its place next to titles like Den of Lions and Even Silence Has an End. The Mayor of Mogadishu tells the story of one family's epic journey through Somalia's turmoil, from the optimism of independence to its spectacular unravelling. Mohamud 'Tarzan' Nur was born a nomad, and became an orphan, then a street brawler in the cosmopolitan*



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*port city of Mogadishu - a place famous for its cafes and open-air cinemas. When Somalia collapsed into civil war, Tarzan and his young family joined the exodus from Mogadishu, eventually spending twenty years in North London. But in 2010 Tarzan returned to the unrecognisable ruins of a city largely controlled by the Islamist militants of Al-Shabaab. For some, the new Mayor was a galvanising symbol of defiance. But others branded him a thug, mired in the corruption and clan rivalries that continue to threaten Somalia's revival. The Mayor of Mogadishu is an uplifting story of survival, and a compelling examination of what it means to lose a country and then to reclaim it.*

*Named a "Notable Naval Book of 2012" by Proceedings Magazine Rear Admiral Terry McKnight, USN (Ret.) served as Commander, Counter-Piracy Task Force-*

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*Gulf of Aden. He wrote the first draft of the Navy's handbook on fighting piracy while serving as the initial commander of Combined Task Force 151, an international effort to deploy naval vessels from several nations in a manner designed to prevent piracy in the Gulf of Aden and farther out into the Indian Ocean. McKnight personally commanded operations that disrupted several hijackings in progress, and resulted in the capture of sixteen Somali pirates. That's when he ran head-on into the bizarre U.S. policy of catch-and-release, and realized that there's a lot more to fighting piracy than just catching some skinny youngsters armed with AK-47s and RPGs. After his tour in the waters off the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, he retired from the Navy and began seriously researching the subject. As a result, he and his co-author, journalist Michael*

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*Hirsh, have put together a very readable book that serves as a comprehensive introductory course on the subject. Pirate Alley includes a behind-the-scenes look at the SEAL Team 6 takedown of the pirates who had kidnapped Captain Richard Phillips of the Maersk Alabama. It also reveals what a young PhD candidate from Duke University found during three months on the ground in Somali pirate villages. Pirate Alley explores every aspect of Somali piracy, from how the pirates operate to how the actions of a relative handful of youthful criminals and their bosses have impacted the world economy. The book examines various answers to the question "How do you solve a problem like Somalia?" It explores the debate over the recently adopted practice of putting armed guards aboard merchant ships, and focuses on the best management practices that are changing the ways that*

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*ships are outfitted for travel through what's known as the High Risk Area. Readers will learn that the consequence of protecting high quality targets such as container ships and crude oil carriers may be that pirates turn to crime on land, such as the kidnapping of foreigners. Pirate Alley also focuses on the worldwide economic impact of piracy, noting that despite claims that piracy is costing as much as \$13 billion a year, one of the largest commercial shipping companies argues that over-reaching national and international shipping regulations have a significantly greater negative effect on the world's economy than does piracy. In the book's conclusion, McKnight contends that, in the interest of justice, nations need to beef up their ability to prosecute and imprison captured pirates. And that the United States has no choice but to continue to hew to a policy that was first*

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*stated in Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution:  
The Congress shall have Power...to define  
and punish Piracies and Felonies  
committed on the high Seas, and Offences  
against the Law of Nations.*

*The World's Most Dangerous Place  
National Grievances, Local Conflict and  
Al-Shabaab*

*Violence and Development in the Horn of  
Africa*

*Piracy*

*Persistent Piracy*

*Deadly Waters*

*Challenges and Opportunities*

Prev. ed.: *Pirates of Somalia*. New  
York: Pantheon Books, 2011.

From a brilliant Brookings Institution  
expert, an “important” (The Wall  
Street Journal) and “penetrating  
historical and political study” (Nature)  
of the critical role that oceans play in

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the daily struggle for global power, in the bestselling tradition of Robert Kaplan's *The Revenge of Geography*. For centuries, oceans were the chessboard on which empires battled for supremacy. But in the nuclear age, air power and missile systems dominated our worries about security, and for the United States, the economy was largely driven by domestic production, with trucking and railways that crisscrossed the continent serving as the primary modes of commercial transit. All that has changed, as nine-tenths of global commerce and the bulk of energy trade is today linked to sea-based flows. A brightly painted forty-foot steel shipping container loaded in Asia with twenty tons of goods may arrive literally anywhere else in the

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world; how that really happens and who actually profits from it show that the struggle for power on the seas is a critical issue today. Now, in vivid, closely observed prose, Bruce Jones conducts us on a fascinating voyage through the great modern ports and naval bases—from the vast container ports of Hong Kong and Shanghai to the vital naval base of the American Seventh Fleet in Hawaii to the sophisticated security arrangements in the Port of New York. Along the way, the book illustrates how global commerce works, that we are amidst a global naval arms race, and why the oceans are so crucial to America's standing going forward. As Jones reveals, the three great geopolitical struggles of our time—for military

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power, for economic dominance, and over our changing climate—are playing out atop, within, and below the world's oceans. The essential question, he shows, is this: who will rule the waves and set the terms of the world to come? For centuries, stories of pirates have captured the imagination of people everywhere. But the recent gangs of daring, ragtag pirates off the coast of Somalia, hijacking huge ships owned by international conglomerates, have brought the scourge of piracy into the modern era. While the world sees nothing but opportunistic bands of local bandits running riot, Jay Bahadur, the only Western journalist to venture so deeply into this world, truly sees how it operates. In *Deadly Waters*, Bahadur ventures to Puntland, a region



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in north-eastern Somalia, and tells of the pirates' lives beyond the attack skiffs: how they spend their money, how they think, and why they risk their lives in often suicidal missions. In the remote pirate havens of Somalia, Bahadur sits down and talks with some of the pirates, their cheeks bulging with khat (the local drug of choice), their mobile phones ringing as the men conduct their business. Bahadur also talks to some of the security personnel tasked with combating piracy, as well as with former pirate hostages who lived on their ships for months while awaiting news of a ransom. *Deadly Waters* is a major first book by a young freelance journalist who managed to embed himself in one of the world's most dangerous places.

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An account of the aid worker co-author's dramatic January 2012 rescue from kidnappers in Somalia by members of a Navy SEAL Team Six unit offers insight into the effective use of targeted U.S. military missions.

Piracy and Islam in the Horn of Africa

Fighting Villainy on the High Seas

Piracy and Protection in the Indian

Ocean

Modern Global Piracy from Somalia to the South China Sea

the hidden world of Somalia's pirates

The Ransom Drop

Maritime Piracy and the Construction of Global Governance

*Piracy in Somalia sheds light on an often misunderstood world, oversimplified and demonized in the media and largely decontextualized in*

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*scholarly and policy works. It examines the root causes of piracy in Somalia, its impact on coastal communities, local views about it, and the measures taken against it. Drawing on six years' worth of extensive fieldwork, Awet Weldemichael amplifies the voices of local communities who have suffered under the heavy weight of illegal fishing, piracy and counter-piracy and makes their struggles comprehensible on their own terms. He also exposes complex webs of crimes within crimes of double-dealing pirates, fraudulent negotiators, duplicitous intermediaries, and treacherous foreign illegal fishers and their local partners. In so doing, this book will help inform regional and global counter-piracy endeavors,*

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*avoid possible reversals in the gains so far made against piracy, and identify the gains that need to be made against its root causes.*

*The recent surge in piracy attacks off the coast of Somalia has triggered an international response which is unprecedented in terms of the number of actors involved. The International Response to Somali Piracy presents a comprehensive treatment of the international response to Somali piracy, exploring current initiatives to counter the piracy threat, both operationally and legally. Moreover, the book analyzes the regional and broader international context within which these initiatives are taken, and identifies the challenges and opportunities for international*

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*cooperation on fighting piracy at sea.*

*This volume brings together experts from a great variety of different backgrounds and disciplines.*

*Piratical attacks have become more frequent, violent, costly and increasingly threaten to undermine order in the international system.*

*Much attention has focused on Somalia, but piracy is a problem worldwide. Recent coordination efforts among states in South East Asia appear to have helped in the area, but elsewhere piracy has expanded.*

*Interestingly, international law has long recognized piracy as a crime and provided tools for universal suppression, yet piracy persists. In this book, a handpicked group of leading experts in the field of International*

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*Relations use maritime piracy as a means to expose the incongruities in our understanding of global governance. Using broadly constructivist approaches to understand international actors' responses to the challenges created by maritime piracy, the contributors question a number of myths and misconceptions around piracy and analyze the various ways that international law and organizations channel actors' understandings of maritime piracy and their efforts to respond to it. In doing so, they expose some shaky foundations for IR theorists: how do we conceive of governance and legitimacy when they are delinked from the territorial aspect of the modern nation-state?*

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*What happens to prospects for cooperation when we get to the nitty-gritty questions of practice related to paying for trials, imprisoning and maintaining captured pirates, bearing the burden of policing sea-lanes, or even determining what constitutes a pirate? Does anyone have a monopoly on the legitimate use of force at sea, and how is that legitimacy constructed? Maritime Piracy and the Construction of Global Governance offers an improved theoretical understanding of the response of the international community to maritime piracy and broadens our understanding of the complex and sometimes countervailing motivations of all the actors involved, from international organizations and states*

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*down to the pirates themselves.*

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the Hands of Somali Pirates*

*Piracy in Somalia*

*Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea*

*Travels with the Man Who Invented  
History*

*Pirate State*