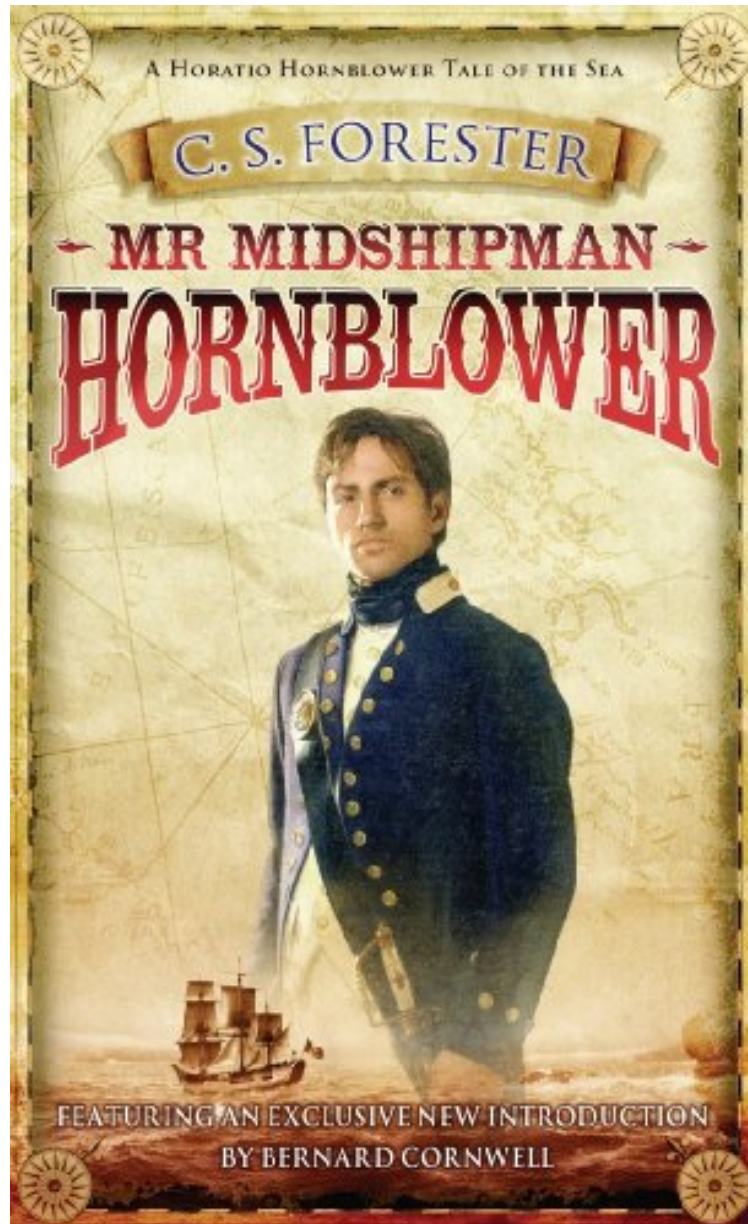


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A brilliant opening salvo by the master. 5 broadsidesVon Ein KundeMr. Midshipman Hornblower is the first installment chronologically in the saga of Horatio Hornblower, certainly one of the most beloved characters of 20th century fiction. Unlike other works, this one is not so much a novel as a series of short stories intended to show the progression of Hornblower from a scared schoolboy to a young adult exercising leadership. As such the series opener can be read with equal enjoyment by young or old. Younger readers will certainly identify with the scared midshipman who is bullied by a senior midshipman and in light of the Columbine High School tragedy, this section bears re-reading. For older readers, like me, it will help rekindle the spirit of adventure that seemed to fill life in earlier years. I am reluctant to give it a five star rating, as I know later works in the series will be even better but I am justifying it because it is a series of short stories as opposed to a novel.Mr. Midshipman Hornblower was first published in 1950 by an English author who had lived extensively in the US and who was having some of his novels made into films. It only makes sense for Forester to avoid offending a very large American audience. He achieves this goal with incredible marketing panache. He establishes Hornblower's birth date as July 4, 1776 and manages a double coup. First, he avoids having Hornblower fight in the American Revolution. Second, he says as an Englishman to his American audience, 'We are the same people you are with the same values and heroes.' Given the close relationship of Britain and the US following the end of WWII and the non-reflective American patriotism of the time, Forester could not have his hero countering American values, as those were the same values that Britons espoused.Forester also included some parallels for his fellow Britons. The most obvious is the British supported landing of French monarchists on French soil. As expected the monarchists crumble under republican assaults and the British have to conduct a rear guard action. The stolid British infantry give at least as good as they get but are forced to withdraw due to their ally's collapse. All this sounds very reminiscent of Dunkirk and there are other parallels to WWII in the book. Surprisingly, Mr. Midshipman Hornblower does not end with a furious sea battle but with a rescue of an enemy's crew. How soon after the Berlin Blockade was this written?0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 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