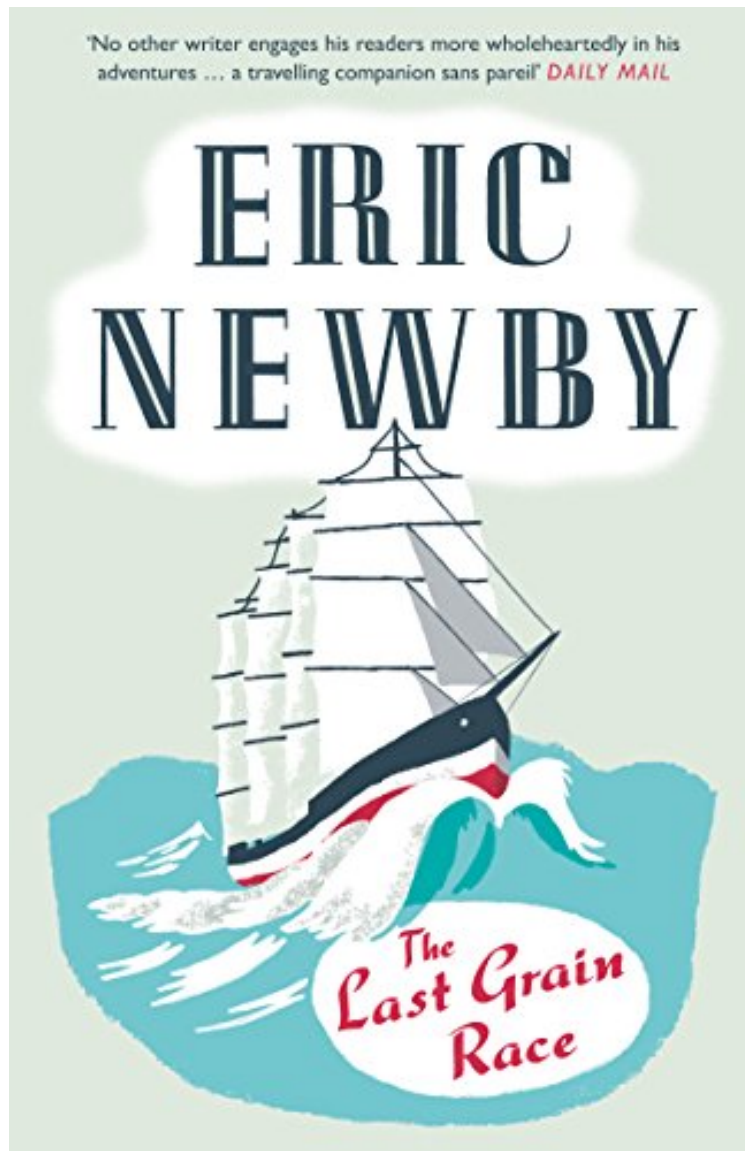


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Von Eric Newby : The Last Grain Race before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Last Grain Race:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A sailing adventure with humour and typical British stoicismVon W. WeinsteinEric Newby, mired in a dead end ad agency job, signs on as an ordinary seaman on what is to be the last great voyage of the clipper ships in 1939. The Moshulu, a four masted barque is docked in Belfast and conditions aboard her are not much different from a hundred years earlier.

Added to his difficulties is the lingua franca of the ship (Finnish), his youth and innocence (eighteen years old), and an apparent hatred of Englishmen conceived by almost everyone on board. Needless to say the resulting book is hilarious, wonderfully informative and close to being poetic in places. A word of warning. This edition contains none of the black and white photographs that were included in the original Penguin paperback. Some may be found in the same author's book *What the Traveler Saw*. (Equally recommended)

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Wonderful Book Von Ein Kunde This is a wonderful book about a young Englishman who decides to join a sailing ship (the *Moshulu*) on a grain race from England to Australia, not knowing that this is to be the last of the sort. In the book, he recounts his learning of the trade, the people he met, and the times he had. Extremely humorous, detailed, and interesting, this true story is appealing to any and every kind of reader. I recommend it to everyone...

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great Read Von Marina Whilton A fascinating look into a dying world. This was a side of Eric Newby I didn't know about. Who would have thought he was as hard as nails?

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