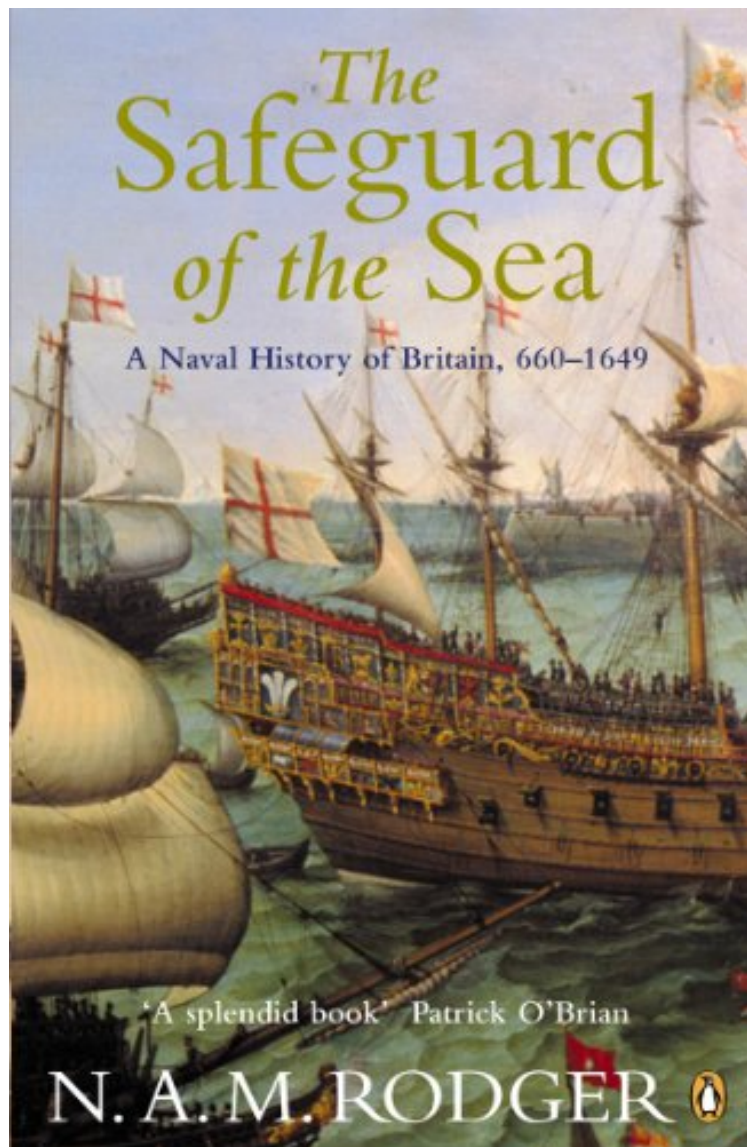


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Von N. A. M. Rodger : The Safeguard of the Sea: A Naval History of Britain 660-1649: v. 1 (Naval History of Britain 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Safeguard of the Sea: A Naval History of Britain 660-1649: v. 1 (Naval History of Britain 1):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good, if cursory survey; slightly anglocentricVon Craig MACKINNONI am not an historian, and this is my first foray into the world of naval history, pre-19th century. After reading this book, I would like to learn more, which is one of the highest endorsements I can give. I cannot agree with one of the other reviewers in his map complaint - the maps are there, they are simply very difficult to navigate, as they appear scattered through the text, and are not necessarily placed in relevant sections. I must also object to the subtitle - "Naval History of Britain." The author mentions numerous times how this is supposed to be a history of Britain and not England, but the text does not bear this out. This is highlighted by the fact that he states (for example) that Scottish ships of certain eras were superior to English ones, but gives no details on Scottish shipbuilding methods, political structure, etc. Perhaps this is because of record-keeping?At any rate, I recommend this book if you have an interest in naval history, and although no single volume can do full justice to 1000 years of history, this one does a good job for such a rookie as myself.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. interesting compilation of material but poor mapsVon Ein KundeAfter just finishing a historical novel on Henry VIII it was interesting to get a more detailed description of his interest in, and affect upon, the early English Navy. I found this book to be quite interesting and informative however I have two complaints. First, the author must assume that the reader is British (or at least European) because so many locations are mentioned without any reference to where they might lie, and secondly, the maps provided in the book bear no resemblance to any place mentioned. You better have a good atlas handy (which I had) if you want to place the happenings geographically. Not an easy read and likely not for the timid, but if you are interested in the early British I recommend the book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent contributionVon John G. SimsN.A.M. Rodger's SAFEGUARD OF THE SEAS is an excellent work of analytical history, combining an elegant classical writing style with an erudite examination of technical issues. In the tradition of John Keegan and John F. Guilmartin, Rodger combines the written evidence of the chroniclers with modern technological data (e.g. the performance of black powder artillery) to create a convincingly real view of how naval forces evolved during the period. This book is an entertaining read for the novice and a worthy reference for the expert.

KurzbeschreibungThroughout Britain's history, one factor above all others has determined the fate of the nation: its navy. N. A. M. Rodger's definitive account reveals how the political and social progress of Britain has been inextricably intertwined with the strength - and weakness - of its sea power, from the desperate early campaigns against the Vikings to the defeat of the great Spanish Armada. Covering policy, strategy, ships, recruitment and weapons, this is a superb tapestry of nearly 1,000 years of maritime history.'No other historian has examined the subject in anything like the detail found here. The result is an outstanding example of narrative history' Barry Unsworth, Sunday Telegraph.de"Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves...." The dominance of the British Royal Navy in maritime history is legendary, but this has not always been the case. Various attempts to build and sustain a national standing navy were attempted by a number of rulers, from Edward the Confessor in the 11th century to Henry V in the 15th century. It wasn't until the Tudor reign (1485 to 1603), however, that a permanent, effective navy emerged. Until this time the shores of Britain had been susceptible to attack and invasion. N.A.M. Rodger's compendium on the history of the Royal Navy (the first of a four volume set) reminds us that "the successful navies have been those which rested on long years of steady investment in the infrastructure ... of a seagoing fleet." Emphasizing the important role the Tudors played in building the financial foundation for the navy, Rodger focuses on the role of Elizabeth I's administration and the amount of money shipbuilding absorbed during her reign. He also traces the evolution of professionalism in the navy, demonstrating how the rank of naval officer became socially respectable, even though it was not exclusively open to just nobles--indeed, Francis Drake came from an impoverished background--setting a standard that would see the British navy dominate the oceans for many years. A fellow in the British National Maritime Museum, Rodger's unique understanding of this history comes across well as he explores a number of themes, ranging from policy and strategy to ship and weapon design. He gathers this information from Anglo-Saxon, Danish, French, Irish, and Spanish sources, carefully weaving these materials into an immense tapestry of incredible depth and scope. In years to come The Safeguard of the Sea promises to be the definitive account of British naval history long after Britannia has stopped ruling the waves.PressestimmenFrom the reviews of The Wooden World: 'The fullest, brightest and altogether most readable picture that I know of the Royal Navy that beat the Spanish and French navies in the Seven Years' War.' Richard Hough, Daily Telegraph 'This excellent book, both scholarly and readable, gives us a new approach to the 18th-century British Navy, which helps to explain its historic achievement and illuminates the society of which it was a characteristic and resounding expression throughout the world.' A. L. Rowse 'A deeply satisfying book firmly based on new evidence but highly readable; it is enlivened by a multitude of startling and hilarious incidents, recounted with style and wit, and a whole gallery of amazing characters, from ratings to admirals.' John Kenyon, Observer