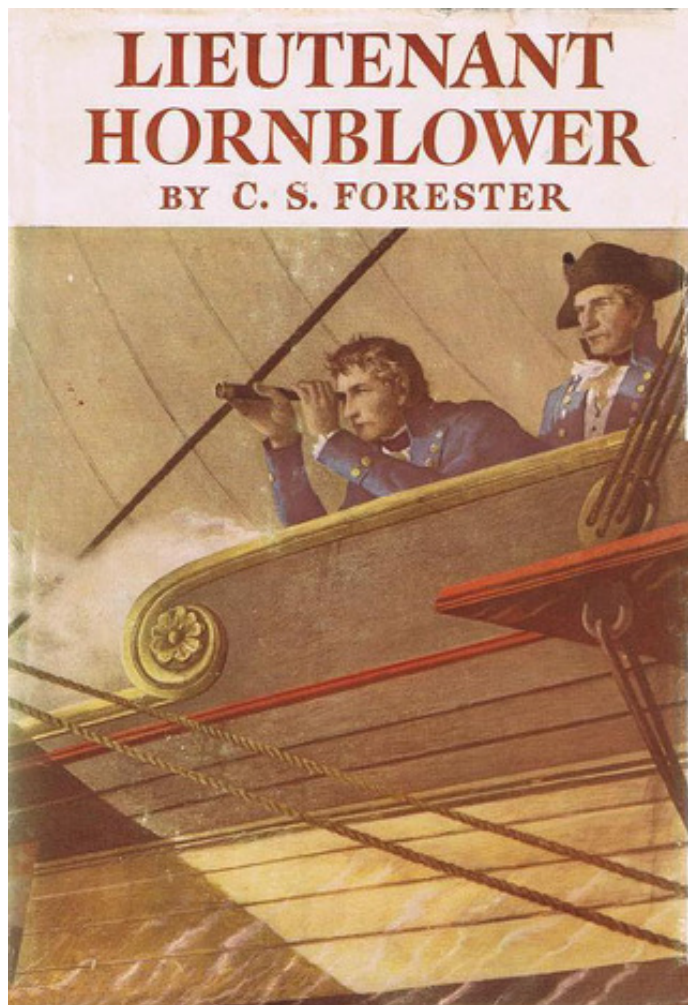


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**C.S. Forester**

**Lieutenant Hornblower (Hornblower Saga: Chronological Order #2)**



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## Description

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In this gripping tale of turmoil and triumph on the high seas, Horatio Hornblower emerges from his apprenticeship as midshipman to face new responsibilities thrust upon him by the fortunes of war between Napoleon and Spain. Enduring near-mutiny, bloody hand-to-hand combat with Spanish seamen, deck-splintering sea battles, and the violence and horror of life on the fighting ships of the Napoleonic Wars, the young lieutenant distinguishes himself in his first independent command. He also faces an adventure unique in his experience: Maria.

## Insightful reviews

K.: What was lacking in the 1st (Mr. Midshipman Hornblower) was definitely there in this one. Much more well done, more fun, more action, more heart.

These books, so far aren't full of beautiful maxims and great one-liners, but they do a pretty bang-up job at teaching an effective lesson withal. Duty, courage, self-denial, leadership qualities, loyalty, along with some pretty rip-roaring adventures.

I'm now 1/2 way through this series and find it interesting that they were not written in chronological order. I'm not sure I would have liked to read them all topsy-turvy as their original fans would have had to.

Written Order:

1. The Happy Return (or Beat to Quarters)
2. A Ship of the Line
3. Flying Colours
4. The Commodore
5. Lord Hornblower
6. Mr. Midshipman Hornblower
7. Lieutenant Hornblower
8. Hornblower & the Atropos
9. Hornblower in the West Indies
10. Hornblower & the Hotspur
11. Hornblower & The Crisis

Chronological Order:

1. Mr. Midshipman Hornblower
2. Hornblower's Temptation (short story)
3. Lieutenant Hornblower
4. Hornblower & the Hotspur
5. Hornblower & the Crisis (unfinished novel)
6. Hornblower & the Atropos
7. The Happy Return

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  10. The Commodore
  11. Lord Hornblower
  12. Hornblower in the West Indies
  13. The Last Encounter (short story)

I don't know that I'll take the time to comment on all of them separately. It is interesting to me that the first "written" had more language and even a scene of "almost" adultery. Often it's the later novels where the author might feel more free to put a little more junk in his books. It's the opposite so far in these (I'm in "Ship of the Line" today). It's "Beat to Quarters" and "Ship of.." where there are a few instances of language (although I have to say that Forester is surely not reflecting the language of the British Navy!!). They are a little more graphically violent as well.

Now, in terms of comparison, the things in these books so far are TAME if put side-by-side with almost anything of today, but since I spend most of my time in books without any of this kind of thing, it's noticeable.

All in all, I'm enjoying these immensely. It's really quite an interesting look into a life I can't even imagine and that is now non-existent.

Hornblower is a fascinating creation full of all the complexity anyone would wish to follow in his fictional career. I know he's going to disappoint me in "Lord Hornblower" but I'm interested to see how Forester handles the story & why he wrote it that way.

Will Todd: This review is for the complete 11-book series of THE HORNBLOWER SAGA by C.S. Forester, which I just finished reading last night.

[Note: Individual books have individual star ratings (mostly 5-star, a few 4-star), but the descriptive review will be the same for each, and encompass the entire series, as follows.]

Actually, I just finished reading the complete series for the *second* time, the first being as a teenager some 30 years ago.

It's remarkable to me that I have only just this moment realized that my own timeline regarding the two readings corresponds almost *exactly* to the age progression experienced by the main character in the course of these 11 novels.

**It's a 30-year journey unlike any other I have ever taken in books - full and deep and satisfying.**

This is the epic saga of fictional British naval hero HORATIO HORNBLOWER, who goes from a 17-year-old midshipman to a 46-year-old admiral during the "golden age of sail" which encompasses the Napoleonic Wars of the early 19th century.

I'll list the 11 books in chronological order (not the order they were written), which is the best way, I believe, to read them:

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- MR. MIDSHIPMAN HORNBLOWER
  - LIEUTENANT HORNBLOWER
  - HORNBLOWER AND THE HOTSPUR
  - HORNBLOWER DURING THE CRISIS
  - HORNBLOWER AND THE ATROPOS
  - BEAT TO QUARTERS
  - SHIP OF THE LINE
  - FLYING COLOURS
  - COMMODORE HOWNBLOWER
  - LORD HORNBLOWER
  - ADMIRAL HORNBLOWER IN THE WEST INDIES

I've read other sea-faring novels, but to me, Forester earns the crown.

Why?

Many reasons, but I'll list just three:

1. All the rousing action you could ask for in a well-paced adventure series...
2. ...coupled with a complex main character. This is the true secret of the Hornblower books - that Hornblower himself is not some one-dimensional, infallible, faultless hero. On the contrary, he is filled with self-doubt and doesn't always choose the best course, especially in personal matters. But by building the main character this way, Forester allows you to recognize, empathize, and eventually care deeply about him - rooting for his success rather than merely expecting it. It's this complex characterization that complements and actually allows for the heroics of the plot - because it all comes at a price.

[One price is so high that, as a teenager, I couldn't believe that Forester had actually done it. I can't go into detail because this is a spoiler-free review, but something happens that is so devastating that literally for entire *books* afterwards, I kept expecting Forester to make amends. But it doesn't happen. And finally, as an older adult - knowing it will happen, knowing there will be no reprieve - I realize Forester was saying, "This is the price of war."]

3. The Language of Sailing Ships: I'm not nautically-minded, and there is much use of nautical language in these books. But rather than being annoyed, I had a very different reaction. First, I learned a few things. But much more importantly, I also grew to appreciate the language itself, whether I understood its technical details or not. To me, it became like poetry. Or even music.

And I loved it.

All 11 books.

It's an investment, to be sure.

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But, for those "able-bodied", a wonderfully entertaining journey awaits.

Should you set sail?

Aye-aye!

Jason Koivu: Get your horn blown in this book of complete **seaman insanity!**

Our hero Horatio Hornblower is put in a tough position with his wardroom messmates. The captain of the HMS Renown has gone off his rocker and thinks his officers are plotting against him. They're not...well, not at first. They're pushed into it when things come to a head and it becomes apparent the captain's erratic behavior is endangering the ship. The lieutenants gather for a meeting to talk over the situation in a meeting that could be construed as mutinous. And that's when things take a surprising twist.

*Lieutenant Hornblower* is a different kind of Hornblower book in that it's narrated by Bush, Hornblower's best bud. This shift in the usual POV was probably done for a couple reasons. One, Bush leads a pivotal attack and two, Hornblower is caught in a tough situation affecting his financial and married life, which would be easier to show through someone else's eyes rather than hearing it from the source. An Englishman of that period (early 1800s) would never be so indelicate as to discuss such intimate details.

While this is the second book in the series, it's actually the seventh book Forester wrote about Hornblower's career in the navy. The series originally started with Hornblower having already obtained the rank of captain. After Forester took the series to its natural resolution, he went back and did a bunch of prequels to fill in the details of his hero's early days.

I bring this up only because the writing is affected by it. This book is more nuanced than those preceding it. Forester's plotting and character development improved as he went along. The first half of the series flows and feels old-shoe comfortable, while the latter half feels stilted and utilitarian. The whole thing, especially this book, is quite enjoyable, so that's just a minimal word-to-the-wise.

Nancy Ellis: plenty of motion on sea and land during this adventure. Hornblower's ship Renown slightly manages to prevent a mutiny, assaults a Spanish fort in Santo Domingo the place Hornblower leads a touchdown occasion to subdue and overcome the fort, after which they have the capacity to get their prizes again to England purely to find that peace has been declared with France. Hornblower's transitory merchandising to Commander is nullified, and he and his fellow officials are compelled to earn a meager residing on land. All seems good within the end, though, and Hornblower is again in motion battling Napoleon. nice event books!

K.M. Weiland: This publication perks up significantly after the "first" installment of *Midshipman Hornblower*. Instructed from an outdoor viewpoint (which works admirably, because of a likable and relatable narrator), it zips besides excessive stakes, sturdy action, and a few priceless personality development. watching for the subsequent within the series.

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Michael Emond: this is often the second Hornblower novel when it comes to the character's existence and the seventh to be written. I found this sequence in my 20's and immediately fell in love with either the nature and the writing. In essence those are remarkably specific naval adventures of Horatio Hornblower who's unrivaled in intelligence and bravery. Whereas he does have his weaknesses (especially women) total he's the hero's hero. However the adventures are so good written and the recommendations to the issues shrewd permanent and good earned (i.e. because of the character's intelligence or efforts, not only satisfied chance) that they're enjoyable stories of adventure. This novel is instructed during the eyes of Lieutenant Bush, who becomes Hornblower's buddy in different novels, and had Hornblower nonetheless on the point Junior Lieutenant. The novel's major plot issues are set at the Renown with Captain Sawyer, an insane captain who's making existence hell for his 5 lieutenants, a raid on fortress Samana on Hayti, an incident with a few prisoners and the ultimate little bit of the radical reveals Horatio and not using a fee attempting to generate income playing with Whist. It truly is at this finish part we meet Maria, Horatio's destiny mismatched wife. The truth we see Horatio via Bush's eyes creates an enticing narrative. And, as always, the writing is a thrill. Effortless to follow, fascinating to read, and with an exceptional circulate to it that retains the reader involved. I like just about all of those novels (the exception being the single set with Horatio at the run in France ON LAND!) and whereas I'd now not say it this is often my favorite it really is one of many best ones.

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