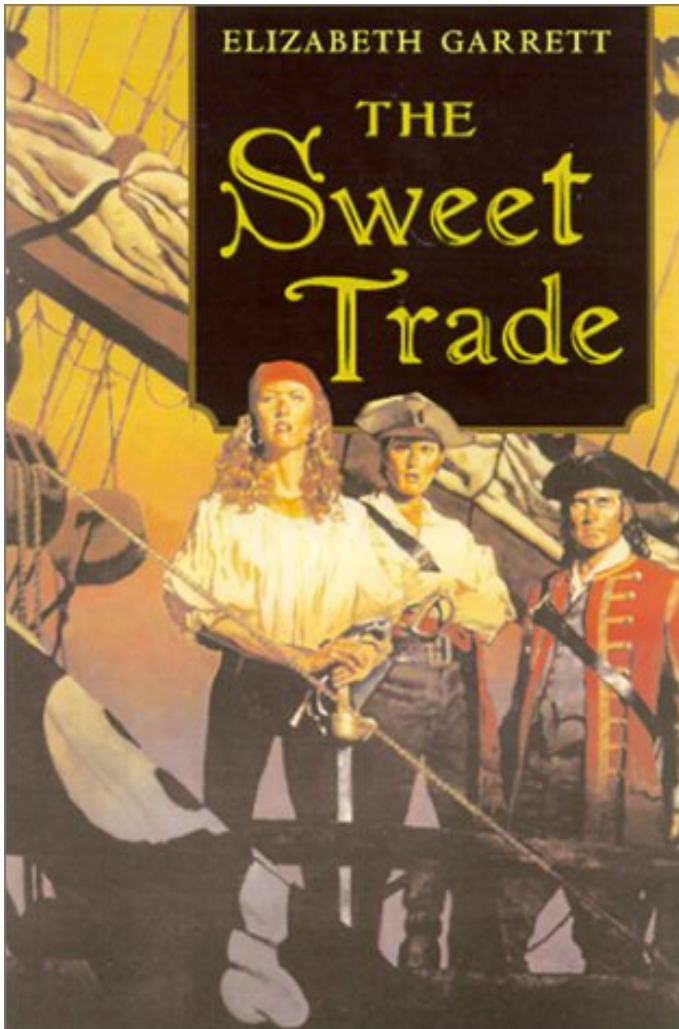

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Description

Anne Bonny, a pampered Southern belle, hungers for a life more exciting and dangerous than running her father's household. When she convinces a hapless sailor to marry her and take her to Nassau, that seething cauldron of piracy, prostitution, and all things wicked, she alters the course of her life forever. . . Calico Jack Rackham, a devious pirate, returns to Nassau with hopes of accepting the governor's pardon and leaving the sweet trade. When he first lays eyes on Anne Bonny, however, he realizes that she is the one woman who could convince him to put aside his fear of the noose and take up piracy again, no matter what the consequences.

Mary Read, a sensible Englishwoman who has been forced by circumstance to live as a man and earn her livelihood as a merchant sailor, must make a decision when her ship is overtaken by Calico Jack and she is invited to join his band of thieves. When she tastes the freedom and joy of a pirate's life, she realizes what she has been missing during all her years of toil . . . and when she joins forces with Anne, they form a union that will carry them to the ends of the earth, through births, deaths, and battles more exciting than Anne Bonny had ever dreamed.

Insightful reviews

Tom Batalias: This story intrigued me for two reasons. First, I am reading a bunch of pirate history this summer. And two, I love reading James Nelson's history books. His version of the story of Anne Bonney, Mary Read and Calico Jack Rackam was fascinating in that he was able to take all the known historical accounts of their lives (which is not much), and fill in all the rest, to create a interesting story. One of the reasons I love historical fiction is the way a good author can bring people back to life, so to speak. I felt that Nelson had a bit of admiration (or sympathy) for Mary Read, and contempt for Rackam. I can also understand why he used a female pen name (the version I read) for the original publishing due to the romance novel narrative in some places. All in all, an enjoyable read, and a catalyst for doing some additional research on those historical figures.

Katie: This is one of the best books i've read in a while. When i found this book on the library shelf, i couldn't wait to start it, and it lived up to all my expectations. The book was based on the lives of the pirate Captain Calico Jack Rackham, and Anne Bonny and Mary Read (the two female pirates on his ship). Based on what i already knew about the lives these three people (and then after reading the historical notes in the back of the book) the story seems very historically accurate. The author did an excellent job of making the reader really feel the sense of place and time throughout the book, and feel emotions and ethics of each of the characters. The descriptions of life at sea were amazing and very detailed. And the only improbability i noted in the book included a problem of bullet trajectory after the lowering of a gun (apparently this particular bullet did not obey the laws of physics). Overall this was an amazing book, despite some of the parts being rather risque, but i guess since it is a book about the life of pirates, some things of scandalous nature are bound to occur.

Jessa: It feels like I've been waiting my whole life for this book, the awesome and badass and just all-around incredible (and as based on historical fact as possible) life of Anne Bonny and

Mary Read, notorious lady pirates who proved women, if so inclined, were just as fierce and awesome as the men.

There's not much more than that I can say. Pirates, historical accuracy, badass women... Love, love, love.

I would say the ONE criticism I have is that the title is pretty awful and makes this sound like a cheap thriller book.

Julie Sysak: It took me many years to get into this one. I cherished the idea of the story, yet want the nature were constructed better.

Tonya: What an outstanding tale approximately girl pirates. i used to be drawn in by way of the swordfights, however the innerworkings of the characters minds have been great. certainly worthy a learn when you like pirates.

Sandi *~The Pirate Wench~*: DNF..Due to a reprint/different cover/author-fooled me not!! picked this one up wishing on a unique view/story/plot and old proof and info but unread via me, approximately Anne Bonny, Mary Read, and Calico Jack. received all excited here..curled as much as read..and approximately eighty five pages in i've got the sensation i've got learn this one before. yet how may perhaps I? I definitely may take into account the cover. The Wench is going to envision the copyright..lo'and behold! "this ebook was once formerly released in a considerably varied shape by means of Tor books in 2001 because the candy alternate by means of Elizabeth Garrett" Well.What.A.Bummer.I learn and reviewed it. Why do they do that? A guy's identify and a special cover..total bummer. And so pleased it used to be a library mortgage in a different way i'd have made a person stroll the plank!Arrgghh!!

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