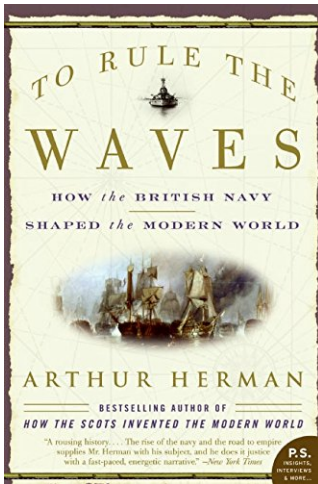


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly The author of *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* returns with this quite splendid history of the British Royal Navy. Probably to no one's surprise, his thesis is that the British Empire was the foundation of the modern world and the Royal Navy the foundation of that empire. By and large, he sustains that thesis in a fluent narrative that stretches from the Elizabethan Age to the Falklands War. Although definitely Anglocentric and navalist, the author has done his research on a scale that such a large topic (to say nothing of a large book) requires. The Royal Navy's discipline and food in the age of sail may not deserve quite as much rehabilitation as he gives them, but on the other hand, he is frank about the limitations of British warship design, poor Victorian gunnery and lack of preparations for antisubmarine warfare between the world wars. He also writes extremely well, whether

dealing with the role of the Royal Navy in founding the British iron and steel industries (it was a major customer) or grand battles, such as Quiberon Bay (1759) or Trafalgar (1805). Good one-volume histories of one of the modern world's most vital fighting forces appear rarely; this one should rule for a while to come.

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From Unlike many of the great empires of the nineteenth century or those of antiquity, the British empire was not based upon contiguous territory. With their imperial possessions separated by vast oceans and large landmasses, it was essential for the British to develop and maintain a mighty navy to supply and exploit the empire's resources. Herman, who has been a professor of history and the coordinator of the Western Heritage Program at the Smithsonian, writes a stirring account of the origins and evolution of the British navy. He also presents convincing arguments that illustrate that many of the broad strategic goals pursued by the British continue to be pursued by American geopolitical strategists today. This is an exciting chronicle filled with colorful characters and enthralling adventures; some of these men, such as Francis Drake and James Cook, are already imperial icons, but Herman also relates stories and exploits of more obscure but equally compelling figures who helped establish and preserve the greatest maritime empire in history. *Jay Freeman*

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Q How did the navy shape the modern world? A In 2009 the world is made up of a majority of nation states that largely embrace ideas of free trade, democracy, individual rights, and limited government. English is the international language of business and culture. All of these outcomes were perfectly possible were it not for the actions of the Royal Navy. Phillip of Spain, Louis XIV, Napoleon and Kaiser Wilhelm all attempted to create a different future, one with very different values and forms of government, but they all failed in the key task of creating a navy that could destroy the Royal Navy and end British control of the world's oceans. Dan Snow is the history correspondent for BBC One's One Show, and presenter of Empire of the Seas, airing this month on BBC Two. To Rule the Waves book. Read 146 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. To Rule the Waves tells the extraordinary story of how the British... I think the subtitle here is slightly misleading - it really doesn't explain how the Royal Navy shaped the modern world so much as it discusses events that shaped the modern world in which the Royal Navy was involved. At times, it's a little on the dry side, but it's definitely comprehensive and easy to understand. He asserted that the British Navy was instrumental in creating the new overseas trading routes and colonies that generated a global economic system and shaped the modern world. Following his remarks, Mr. Herman responded to questions from members of the audience. To help him celebrate his new book. "To rule the waves: how the british navy shaped the modern world." In his introduction, arthur writes that this book will show how a single institution, the british navy, built the modern global system, which is our system for better or worse, end of quote. Recounts how Britain's Royal Navy allowed one nation to rise to a level of power unprecedented in history. From its beginnings under Henry VIII and adventurers like John Hawkins and Francis Drake, the Royal Navy toppled one world economic system, built by Spain and Portugal after Columbus, and ushered in another--the one in which we still live today. Follows its history from the defeat of the Spanish Armada, through the seventeenth century, when the navy came to play a leading role as England became a world power, through the convulsions of Napoleon, the twentieth century, and the downfa

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With Britain all at sea over the anniversary of Trafalgar, it's worth reflecting on the contribution of the Royal Navy to world history. It's Arthur Herman's contention that our modern global trading system, with all its interdependencies, was created in the wake of Britain's ships. The defeat of Napoleon, and French aspirations for a global command economy, allowed the spread of liberal thought and rule of law wherever it dropped its sails. Herman starts with the destruction of the Spanish Armada in 1568 to that last, vicious, exchange with a Spanish descendant at the Falklands in 1982. Expensive technology has reduced the courage and audacity with which Britannia ruled the waves for a century to so much romantic grandeur. Now he is back with "To Rule the Waves," boldly subtitled: "How the British Navy Shaped the Modern World." In place of David Hume pouring skepticism upon French rationalists, Mr. Herman now offers Horatio Nelson pouring cannonballs upon French admirals. Adam Smith does make a cameo appearance in "To Rule the Waves" (HarperCollins, 648 pages, \$26.95) when Mr. Herman refers to "The Wealth of Nations" as "the bible of the new British world order." But the foundation of this order, Mr. Herman goes on to say, "was the Royal Navy's historical role as the defender of the most valuable and mobile part of the nation's wealth, its overseas trade." To Rule The Waves : How The British Navy Shaped The Modern World, Paperback by Herman, Arthur, ISBN 0060534257, ISBN-13 9780060534257, Brand New, Free P&P in the UK A history of the Royal Navy from the Spanish Armada to the present discusses its origins under Henry VIII, the adventures of such figures as John Hawkins and Francis Drake, and its contributions to establishing Great Britain's military dominance and modern identity. Reprint. 50,000 first printing. Read full description. See details and exclusions - To Rule The Waves : How The British Navy Shaped The Modern World, Paperback b See all 3 brand new listings. Qty.