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The Aubrey-Maturin Series - Patrick O'Brian 2000-06-01

A twenty-volume hardcover set of the complete Patrick O'Brian high-seas Aubrey/Maturin adventure classics, including the final book: Blue at the Mizzen. The Great Adventure begins in Master & Commander with the near-disaster of Jack Aubrey's first encounter with Stephen Maturin and the taking of the Cacafuego. Post Captain: Jack and Stephen vie for the affections of Diana Villiers. H.M.S. Surprise: In India, a prodigious blue diamond, a fatal duel, and a dramatic fleet action against the French. The Mauritius Command: An exploration of aberrant psychology and a most memorable storm at sea Desolation Island: The Waakzaamheid chases the Leopard south to the glories of Antarctica. The Fortune of War: Jack encounters the American navy, is taken prisoner, and witnesses the fateful clash of the Shannon and the Chesapeake. The Surgeon's Mate: A shipwreck on the coast of France, and Jack and Stephen are rescued from a French prison thanks to Diana's diamond The Ionian Mission: The Surprise is sent to intervene in the tangled politics of the Balkans. Treason's Harbour: A desert crossing, an unusual single-ship action in shoal waters, and Jack saved from treachery in Malta by Stephen's cunning. The Far Side of the World: Typhoons, castaways, shipwrecks, murder, and criminal

insanity in the far reaches of the Pacific The Reverse of the Medal: Jack, lured into a disastrous investment by French agents, is court-martialed and disgraced. The Letter of Marque: Cast out of the Royal Navy, Jack sets sail in the Surprise as a privateer, and Stephen's taste for tincture of opium takes a more serious turn. The Thirteen Gun Salute: A killer typhoon overtakes Jack and his crew in the South China Sea, and Stephen engages in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with French agents. The Nutmeg of Consolation: Pirates, smallpox, and a visit to the grim penal colony in Australia, where Stephen's Irish temper provokes a duel and a diplomatic crisis. The Truelove: Jack and Stephen mastermind a war among the cannibals, and a mysterious female convict sows dangerous jealousies aboard the Surprise. The Wine-Dark Sea: A submarine volcanic eruption serves as backdrop to revolution in South America and a memorable excursion into the Andes. The Commodore: A strange homecoming for Jack and Stephen, followed by a vigorous action to foil the French invasion of Ireland. The Yellow Admiral: Jack is rescued from the doldrums of peace and from amorous difficulties by Napoleon's escape from Elba. The Hundred Days: The cunning of Stephen and the seamanship of Jack prevent Napoleon from conquering Europe at Waterloo. Blue

at the Mizzen: Jack Aubrey stakes all on a desperate solo night raid against the might of the Spanish viceroy in Peru.

Master and Commander (Vol. Book 1) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 1990-08-17

The classic first novel of the epic Aubrey/Maturin series, widely considered "the best historical novels ever written" (Richard Snow, New York Times). Ardent, gregarious British naval officer Jack Aubrey is elated to be given his first appointment as commander: the fourteen-gun ship HMS Sophie. Meanwhile—after a heated first encounter that nearly comes to a duel—Aubrey and a brilliant but down-on-his-luck physician, Stephen Maturin, strike up an unlikely rapport. On a whim, Aubrey invites Maturin to join his crew as the Sophie's surgeon. And so begins the legendary friendship that anchors this beloved saga set against the thrilling backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars. Through every ensuing adventure on which Aubrey and Maturin embark, from the witty parley of their lovers and enemies to the roar of broadsides as great ships close in battle around them, O'Brian "provides endlessly varying shocks and surprises—comic, grim, farcical and tragic... [A] whole, solidly living world for the imagination to inhabit" (A. S. Byatt).

Clarissa Oakes (Aubrey-Maturin, Book 15) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-19

With factions on board, and multiple enemies to contend with, only the most careful navigation will save them.

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faultlessly rendered: the conversational idiom of the officers in the ward room and the men on the lower deck, the food, the floggings, the mysteries of the wind and the rigging, and the roar of broadsides as the great ships close in battle.

The Letter of Marque - Patrick O'Brian 2008

Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey-Maturin tales are widely acknowledged to be the greatest series of historical novels ever written. All twenty books are being re-issued by Harper Perennial with stunning new jackets.

Desolation Island (Aubrey-Maturin, Book 5) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-19

On Desolation Island, with the known world out of reach, uneasy alliances are sometimes forged...

Desolation Island (Vol. Book 5) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-05

"The relationship [between Aubrey and Maturin]...is about the best thing afloat....For Conradian power of description and sheer excitement there is nothing in naval fiction to beat the stern chase as the outgunned Leopard staggers through mountain waves in icy latitudes to escape the Dutch seventy-four." —Stephen Vaughan, Observer Commissioned to rescue Governor Bligh of Bounty fame, Captain Jack Aubrey and his friend and surgeon Stephen Maturin sail the Leopard to Australia with a hold full of convicts. Among them is a beautiful and dangerous spy—and a treacherous disease that decimates the crew. With a Dutch man-of-war to windward, the undermanned, outgunned Leopard sails for her life into the freezing waters of the Antarctic, where, in mountain seas, the Dutchman closes.

H. M. S. Surprise (Vol. Book 3) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 1991-05-17

"Few, very few books have made my heart thud with excitement. H.M.S. Surprise managed it." —Helen Lucy Burke, Irish Press In H.M.S. Surprise, British naval officer Jack Aubrey and surgeon Stephen Maturin face near-death and tumultuous romance in the distant waters ploughed by the ships of the East India Company. Tasked with ferrying a

British ambassador to the Sultan of Kampong, they find themselves on a prolonged voyage aboard a Royal Navy frigate en route to the Malay Peninsula. In this new sphere, Aubrey is on the defensive, pitting wits and seamanship against an enemy who enjoys overwhelming local superiority. But somewhere in the Indian Ocean lies the prize that could secure him a marriage to his beloved Sophie and make him rich beyond his wildest dreams: the ships sent by Napoleon to attack the China Fleet.

The Mauritius Command - Patrick O'Brian 1994

Stephen Maturin brings Captain Jack Aubrey secret orders to lead an expedition against the French islands of Mauritius and La Reunion, but the conduct of two of his own officers threatens the success of the mission. *The Ionian Mission* - Patrick O'Brian 2007

Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey-Maturin tales are widely acknowledged to be the greatest series of historical novels ever written. Now these evocative stories are being re-issued in paperback by Harper Perennial with stunning new jackets.

The Golden Ocean - Patrick O'Brian 1996-10-17

The first novel Patrick O'Brian ever wrote about the sea, a precursor to the acclaimed Aubrey/Maturin series. In the year 1740, Commodore (later Admiral) George Anson embarked on a voyage that would become one of the most famous exploits in British naval history. Sailing through poorly charted waters, Anson and his men encountered disaster, disease, and astonishing success. They circumnavigated the globe and seized a nearly incalculable sum of Spanish gold and silver, but only one of the five ships survived. This is the background to the first novel Patrick O'Brian ever wrote about the sea, a precursor to the acclaimed Aubrey/Maturin series that shares the excitement and rich humor of those books. The protagonist is Peter Palafox, son of a poor Irish parson, who signs on as a midshipman, never before having seen a ship. Together with his lifelong friend Sean, Peter

sets out to seek his fortune, embarking upon a journey of danger, disappointment, foreign lands, and excitement. Here is a tale certain to please not only admirers of O'Brian's work but also any reader with an adventurous soul.

Joseph Banks - Patrick O'Brian 1997-12-08

One of our greatest writers about the sea has written an engrossing story of one of history's most legendary maritime explorers. Patrick O'Brian's biography of naturalist, explorer and co-founder of Australia, Joseph Banks, is narrative history at its finest. Published to rave reviews, it reveals Banks to be a man of enduring importance, and establishes itself as a classic of exploration. "It is in his description of that arduous three-year voyage [on the ship Endeavor] that Mr. O'Brian is at his most brilliant. . . . He makes us understand what life within this wooden world was like, with its 94 male souls, two dogs, a cat and a goat."—Linda Colley, *New York Times* "An absorbing, finely written overview, meant for the general reader, of a major figure in the history of natural science."—Frank Stewart, *Los Angeles Times* "[This book is] the definitive biography of an extraordinary subject."—Robert Taylor, *Boston Globe* "His skill at narrative and his extensive knowledge of the maritime history . . . give him a definite leg up in telling this . . . story."—Tom Clark, *San Francisco Chronicle*

The Thirteen-gun Salute - Patrick O'Brian 2002

Captain Jack Aubrey sets sail for the South China Sea, shepherding a diplomatic mission to prevent links between Bonaparte and the Malay princes. At the barbaric court of Pulo Prabang a classic duel of intelligence unfolds: the French envoys versus the savage cunning of Stephen Maturin.

Harbors and High Seas - Dean King 2012-03-20

This companion for fans of the Napoleonic sea sagas offers maps of the novels' streets, seas, and coasts, and much more. The tall-masted sailing ships of the early

nineteenth century were the technological miracles of their day, allowing their crews to traverse the seas with greater speed than had ever been possible before. Novelist Patrick O'Brian captured the thrill of that era with his characters Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, who visited exotic locales in the service of the Royal Navy. From frigid Dieppe to balmy Batavia, they strolled the ports of the world as casually as most do the streets of their hometown. Packed with maps and illustrations from the greatest age of sail, this volume shows not just where Aubrey and Maturin went, but how they got there. An incomparable reference for devotees of O'Brian's novels and anyone who has dreamed of climbing aboard a warship, *Harbors and High Seas* is a captivating portrait of life on the sea, when nothing stood between man and ocean but grit, daring, and a few creaking planks of wood.

Men-of-war - Patrick O'Brian 1974

Master and Commander (Aubrey-Maturin, Book 1) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-19
In this, the first of Patrick O'Brian's much lauded Aubrey-Maturin novels, discover a vibrant world conjured by a master storyteller, rich with detail and character.

The Unknown Shore - Patrick O'Brian 1996-10-17

Follows the adventures of two young seamen who are shipwrecked along the coast of Chile in 1740 and are driven to drink and mutiny by a ruthless captain. Reprint.

Patrick O'Brian - Patrick O'Brian 1994

"Originally published in Great Britain under the title Patrick O'Brian: Critical appreciations and a bibliography"--T.p. verso.

Master and Commander (Vol. Book 1) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 1990-08-17

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The Rendezvous and Other Stories - Patrick O'Brian 1995-11-17

A collection of startlingly vivid short stories from Patrick O'Brian, author of the highly acclaimed Aubrey/Maturin series. Patrick O'Brian has emerged, in the opinion of many, as one of the greatest novelists now writing in English. His fame rests mainly on the achievement of the epic Aubrey/Maturin novels, but few readers know that O'Brian first made his reputation as a writer of short fiction. Collected here for the first time are twenty-seven stories that O'Brian wishes to preserve: stories of uncommon lyricism and beauty that will confirm his rightful place in the front rank of short-story writers as well as of novelists. Although the tone of this collection ranges effortlessly from the humorous to the dramatic, the most characteristic and memorable stories often have to do with a glimpse of savage, destructive forces through the fragile shell of human civilization. The threatened chaos may be psychological, as in "On the Wolfsberg," or it may be lurking in the natural world, as in "A Passage of the Frontier," or, as in the dark masterpiece "The Chian Wine," it is suddenly discovered in the ancient, irrational impulses of human nature. The setting may be the marshes of western Ireland, the Pyrenees, or the claustrophobic confines of a clockmender's house, but each story is a showcase for Patrick O'Brian's fresh and meticulous prose; each story reaffirms his sympathetic understanding of human passion and suffering. This collection proves that O'Brian is not simply the master of a genre, but an author who will long be honored as one of our most eminent literary figures.

The Hundred Days (Vol. Book 19)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick

O'Brian 2011-12-05

"One of the best novelists since Jane Austen....The Hundred Days may be the best installment yet....I give

O'Brian's fans joy of

it."—Philadelphia Inquirer Napoleon, escaped from Elba, pursues his enemies across Europe like a vengeful phoenix. If he can corner the British and Prussians before their Russian and Austrian allies arrive, his genius will lead the French armies to triumph at Waterloo. In the Balkans, preparing a thrust northwards into Central Europe to block the Russians and Austrians, a horde of Muslim mercenaries is gathering. They are inclined toward Napoleon because of his conversion to Islam during the Egyptian campaign, but they will not move without a shipment of gold ingots from Sheik Ibn Hazm which, according to British intelligence, is on its way via camel caravan to the coast of North Africa. It is this gold that Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin must at all costs intercept. The fate of Europe hinges on their desperate mission. "The Hundred Days is certain to delight O'Brian's fans, for whom happiness is an unending stream of Aubrey/Maturin

books....[It] is a fine novel that stands proudly on the shelf with the others."—Los Angeles Times

The Complete Aubrey/Maturin Novels - Patrick O'Brian 2016-10-20

Sumptuous boxed gift edition of five omnibus hardbacks containing all 21 novels in the Aubrey/Maturin series. Patrick O'Brian's twenty-one-volume Aubrey/Maturin series of nautical adventures set during the Napoleonic War has delighted generations of devoted fans, inspired a blockbuster film, and sold millions of copies in twenty-four languages. These five omnibus volumes, beautifully produced and boxed, contain 7,000 pages of what has often been described as a single, continuous narrative. They are a perfect tribute for such a literary achievement, and a perfect gift for the O'Brian enthusiast.

Patrick O'Brian's Navy - Richard O'Neill 2003

From the moment that "Master and

Commander," the first of O'Brian's 20 novels about the 19th century British Royal Navy was published, critics hailed his work as a masterpiece. This first full-color illustrated companion to the series is timed to benefit from the release of the Twentieth-Century Fox film adaptation starring Russell Crowe.

Treason's Harbour - Patrick O'Brian 1994

The finest writer of sea-stories in the English language.--J. de Courcy Ireland

Post Captain (Vol. Book 2)

(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 1990-08-17

"If Jane Austen had written rousing sea yarns, she would have produced something very close to the prose of Patrick O'Brian." —Time It's 1802. The Treaty of Amiens has brought an end to the hostilities between Great Britain and France. Captain Jack Aubrey and his friend, naval surgeon Stephen Maturin, are enjoying the respite in the English countryside, besotted with two beautiful cousins, Sophie Williams and Diana Villiers—until Aubrey loses his fortune and they flee to France to escape his creditors. While in France, Napoleon smashes the Peace of Amiens and war begins anew. Aubrey and Maturin, now finding themselves behind enemy lines, make their way back to England. Maturin is sent to Spain on an intelligence-gathering mission and the now-solvent Aubrey assumes command of a strange warship, pursuing his quarry straight into the mouth of a French-held harbor. Amidst the rollicking adventures at sea and mishaps on land, Aubrey and Maturin's friendship is tested by their romantic entanglements with the cousins in this brilliant second installment of the epic series.

The Wine-Dark Sea (Vol. Book 16)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-05

The sixteenth volume in the Aubrey/Maturin series, and Patrick O'Brian's first bestseller in the United States. At the outset of this adventure filled with disaster and delight, Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin pursue an American privateer through the Great South Sea. The

strange color of the ocean reminds Stephen of Homer's famous description, and portends an underwater volcanic eruption that will create a new island overnight and leave an indelible impression on the reader's imagination. Their ship, the Surprise, is now also a privateer, the better to escape diplomatic complications from Stephen's mission, which is to ignite the revolutionary tinder of South America. Jack will survive a desperate open boat journey and come face to face with his illegitimate black son; Stephen, caught up in the aftermath of his failed coup, will flee for his life into the high, frozen wastes of the Andes; and Patrick O'Brian's brilliantly detailed narrative will reunite them at last in a breathtaking chase through stormy seas and icebergs south of Cape Horn, where the hunters suddenly become the hunted.

The Final Unfinished Voyage of Jack Aubrey - Patrick O'Brian 2004

Includes facsimile of the manuscript.
The Far Side of the World (Vol. Book 10) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-05

The tenth installment in the beloved, epic Aubrey/Maturin series and inspiration for the major motion picture starring Russell Crowe. The War of 1812 continues, and Captain Jack Aubrey sets course for Cape Horn on a mission after his own heart: intercepting a powerful American frigate outward bound to wreak havoc with the British whaling trade. Meanwhile, Stephen Maturin has a mission of his own in the world of secret intelligence and comes face to face with the harsh realities for women of the age. Disaster in various guises awaits them in the Great South Sea and in the far reaches of the Pacific—typhoons, castaways, shipwrecks, an ill-fated affair, murder, and criminal insanity—as well as a bold rescue by a crew of seafaring female warriors.

Treason's Harbour (Vol. Book 9)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 1992-04-17

Ship's doctor Stephen Maturin, a British intelligence agent, stands as the sole bulwark against the sabotage

of his friend Captain Jack Aubrey's mission in Malta.

The Thirteen Gun Salute (Vol. Book 13) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-05

"In length the series is unique; in quality—and there is not a weak link in the chain—it cannot but be ranked with the best of twentieth century historical novels."—T. J. Binyon, Independent Captain Jack Aubrey sets sail for the South China Sea with a new lease on life. Following his dismissal from the Royal Navy (a false accusation), he has earned reinstatement through his daring exploits as a privateer, brilliantly chronicled in *The Letter of Marque*. Now he is to shepherd Stephen Maturin—his friend, ship's surgeon, and sometimes intelligence agent—on a diplomatic mission to prevent links between Bonaparte and the Malay princes which would put English merchant shipping at risk. The journey of the *Diane* encompasses a great and satisfying diversity of adventures. Maturin climbs the Thousand Steps of the sacred crater of the orangutans; a killer typhoon catches Aubrey and his crew trying to work the *Diane* off a reef; and in the barbaric court of Pulo Prabang a classic duel of intelligence agents unfolds: the French envoys, well entrenched in the Sultan's good graces, against the savage cunning of Stephen Maturin.

The Commodore (Vol. Book 17)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-05

The seventeenth novel in the best-selling Aubrey/Maturin series of naval tales, which the *New York Times Book Review* has described as "the best historical novels ever written." Having survived a long and desperate adventure in the Great South Sea, Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin return to England to very different circumstances. For Jack it is a happy homecoming, at least initially, but for Stephen it is disastrous: his little daughter appears to be autistic, incapable of speech or contact, while his wife, Diana, unable to bear this situation, has disappeared, her house being looked after by the widowed Clarissa

Oakes. Much of *The Commodore* takes place on land, in sitting rooms and in drafty castles, but the roar of the great guns is never far from our hearing. Aubrey and Maturin are sent on a bizarre decoy mission to the fever-ridden lagoons of the Gulf of Guinea to suppress the slave trade. But their ultimate destination is Ireland, where the French are mounting an invasion that will test Aubrey's seamanship and Maturin's resourcefulness as a secret intelligence agent. The subtle interweaving of these disparate themes is an achievement of pure storytelling by one of our greatest living novelists.

A Sea of Words - Dean King 2012-03-20

A guide to the British Royal Navy in the Napoleonic Age for fans of the Aubrey-Maturin series: "A gem of a book" (Minneapolis Star Tribune). What is a sand-grouse, and where does it live? What are the medical properties of *lignum vitae*, and how did Stephen Maturin use it to repair his viola? Who is Admiral Lord Keith, and why is his wife so friendly with Captain Jack Aubrey? More than any other contemporary author, Patrick O'Brian knew the past. His twenty Aubrey-Maturin novels, beginning with 1969's *Master and Commander*, are distinguished by deep characterization, heart-stopping naval combat, and an attention to detail that enriches and enlivens his stories. In this revised edition of *A Sea of Words*, Dean King and his collaborators dive into Jack Aubrey's world. In addition to their invaluable glossary, the authors provide essays on the age's politics, naval medicine, and the many ships that Jack Aubrey sailed, sighted, and fought against. For both the curious fan and the O'Brian aficionado, *A Sea of Words* is an invaluable tome on the British Royal Navy.

Master and Commander - Patrick O'Brian 2007

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stunning new jackets.

Blue at the Mizzen (Vol. Book 20)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2000-09-17

"The old master has us again in the palm of his hand."—Los Angeles Times (a Best Book of 1999) Napoleon has been defeated at Waterloo, and the ensuing peace brings with it both the desertion of nearly half of Captain Aubrey's crew and the sudden dimming of Aubrey's career prospects in a peacetime navy. When the *Surprise* is nearly sunk on her way to South America—where Aubrey and Stephen Maturin are to help Chile assert her independence from Spain—the delay occasioned by repairs reaps a harvest of strange consequences. The South American expedition is a desperate affair; and in the end Jack's bold initiative to strike at the vastly superior Spanish fleet precipitates a spectacular naval action that will determine both Chile's fate and his own.

Lobscouse & Spotted Dog - Anne Chotzinoff Grossman 1997

Provides recipes for early-nineteenth-century foods such as burgoo, ship's biscuit, jam roly-poly, portable soup, and spotted dog
Post Captain (Vol. Book 2)

(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 1990-08-17

Aubrey and Maturin take to the sea in pursuit of French and Spanish enemies.

The Ionian Mission (Vol. Book 8)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick O'Brian 2011-12-05

"O'Brian is one author who can put a spark of character into the sawdust of time, and *The Ionian Mission* is another rattling good yarn."—Stephen Vaughan, *The Observer* Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, veterans now of many battles, return in this novel to the seas where they first sailed as shipmates. But Jack is now a senior captain commanding a line-of-battle ship in the Royal Navy's blockade of Toulon, and this is a longer, harder, colder war than the dashing frigate actions of his early days. A sudden turn of events takes him and Stephen off on a hazardous mission to the Greek Islands, where all his old skills of seamanship and his

proverbial luck when fighting against odds come triumphantly into their own.

**The Fortune of War (Vol. Book 6)
(Aubrey/Maturin Novels)** - Patrick

O'Brian 2011-12-05

"A marvelously full-flavored, engrossing book, which towers over its current rivals in the genre like a three-decker over a ship's longboat." -Times Literary Supplement
Captain Jack Aubrey, R. N., arrives in the Dutch East Indies to find himself appointed to the command of the fastest and best-armed frigate in the Navy. He and his friend Stephen Maturin take passage for England in a dispatch vessel. But the War of 1812 breaks out while they are en route. Bloody actions precipitate them both into new and unexpected scenes where Stephen's past activities as a secret agent return on him with a vengeance.

The Truelove (Vol. Book 15)

(Aubrey/Maturin Novels) - Patrick

O'Brian 2011-12-05

"The Aubrey-Maturin series . . . ebbs and flows with the timeless tide of character and the human heart."-Ken Ringle, Washington Post
A British whaler has been captured by an ambitious chief in the Sandwich Islands at French instigation, and Captain Jack Aubrey is dispatched with the Surprise to restore order.

But stowed away in the cable-tier is an escaped female convict. To the officers, Clarissa Harvill is an object of awkward courtliness and dangerous jealousies. Aubrey himself is won over and indeed strongly attracted to this woman who will not speak of her past. But only Aubrey's friend, Dr. Stephen Maturin, can fathom Harvill's secrets: her crime, her personality, and a clue identifying a highly-placed English spy in the pay of Napoleon's intelligence service. In a thrilling finale, Patrick O'Brian delivers all the excitement his many readers expect: Aubrey and the crew of the Surprise impose a brutal pax Britannica upon the islanders in a pitched battle against a band of headhunting cannibals.

The Surgeon's Mate - Patrick O'Brian
1994

Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin are ordered home by dispatch vessel to bring the news of their latest victory to the government. But Maturin is a marked man for the havoc he has wrought in the French intelligence network in the New World, and the attentions of two privateers soon become menacing. The chase that follows is as thrilling and unexpected as anything O'Brian has written. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.