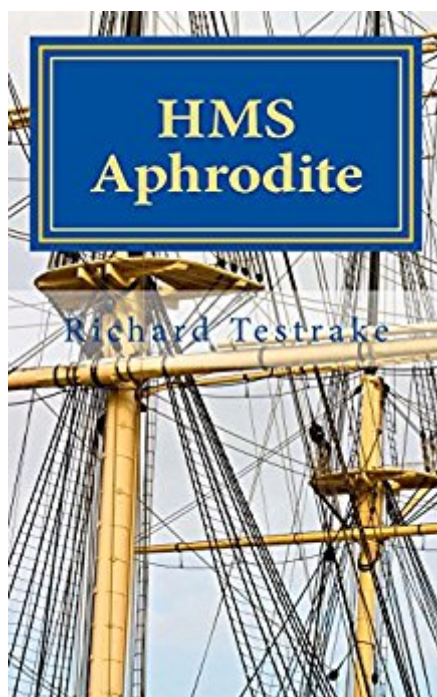


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Synopsis

A Royal Navy Midshipman of the late eighteenth century has been prematurely commissioned as Lieutenant by the efforts of his father, a prominent member of the House of Lords. Further political machinations have secured a command for this new officer. It is now up to the new Lieutenant Charles Mullins to make a success of his new command on his own.

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Customer Reviews

This was a very enjoyable book, and I would have given it a higher rating were it not for some strange errors. At one point, the first officer is promoted and given his own command. In the next chapter, he is back on board as if he never left. Later, it seems like a chapter or two is missing. The captain is separated from the ship, in a difficult situation. Turn the page, he is back on board, the plot line has changed, all without explanation. I'm not one to complain about editing errors you occasionally find in e-books, but these were huge plot disruptions impossible to ignore. Other than that, I did enjoy this start to a new series. I look forward to the next book, but hope it is more carefully edited.

A sub title for this work could be: "Significant Historical Sea Battles for Dummies". The main

character, Mullins (whose name is spelled three different ways), the plot and the poor editing all combine to make this effort worthless. I'm sorry I bought it and will not read anything else by this author.

This book has all the depth of character and story development of a toddlers paddling pool and thus the book just plods on to the end without the reader becoming involved. The book covers enough for two or even three well developed books and the best that I can say about is that I reached the end but I will not be buying any other books by this author. Added to this at one point the author even managed to get the name of his principal character wrong, using the name of the main character from another of his books that is sloppy work and unacceptable.

Does exactly what the author intended to do. To illustrate the period, in which the elder son takes the title and lands, the second son makes it the best way he can and God help any remaining siblings. In a day where influence either personal and political, in concert with relationships in "Society" directed the career(s) of the majority of the "second" or "third" son, things did not go all that well....but in this case and event. it did for a very young and jumped up Midshipman to a rank and position way in advance of his pay grade. Enjoyable to watch the evolving tale emerge based upon the backs of the "people". The nobility was well advised to be afraid, very afraid, of the emerging political pathways of the period. It could all have gone badly.....Somebody named "George" got lucky on the backs of the "people". The author's character is no better or worse than any other individual "Second Son" of the period described.

The book is part of series that is enjoyable but not on par with C. S. Forester's Hornblower series which I can read every four or five years with great enjoyment. I am glad to have read most of the books in the series and will finish the series, but cannot imagine rereading the books in four or five years, or even ten.

I enjoyed this story as I enjoy most tall ship adventures. I like non stop action and generally predictable results. This book was obtained by me through the Kindle unlimited program and I am grateful to have been able to read it without paying for a faulty product. My complaint is with the publishing and because of the lack of care shown in producing it. The protagonist, the ship's captain is Mullins but was also spelled Mullen and Mullings. Too many times names were switched so a character was speaking of another character and used the wrong name. I may have missed a few

but it was noticeable when the speaking character referred to another by the speaker's name and then 2 other different names. There were many misspelled words, extra words, wrong words, extra letters. It reminded me of when I use a voice recognition system. Anyway, there was no human proofreading involved (as I assume no human proofreader would be that incompetent) in the Kindle edition.

Like passing an accident at the side of the road. I spent a while trying to figure out what was missing from this book, besides adjectives and adverbs. Then I thought maybe the publisher had published the author's outline rather than the manuscript. I'll admit to being a little slow. It took me 6 chapters to figure out that what was missing was a plot. The story is basically this happened then that happened, then they went there. There are also internal contradictions within the story. For example, the captain doesn't like to use his political influence except for when he does. In order to avoid having to go through the effort of developing characters, the author replaces the entire crew.

Poorly edited. Meanings and characters change in mid-paragraph. Action sequences break off and unrelated incidences occur. Worse, there is no suspense and little excitement. Mullins sees the enemy. Mullins defeats the enemy no matter the odds. Mullins is supported by and watched over by superior officers and key people in the admiralty. Mullins has no enemies despite being promoted ahead of others and given command of ships. Mullins can seemingly do no wrong. Mullins is boring. I downloaded this book via Kindle Unlimited.

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