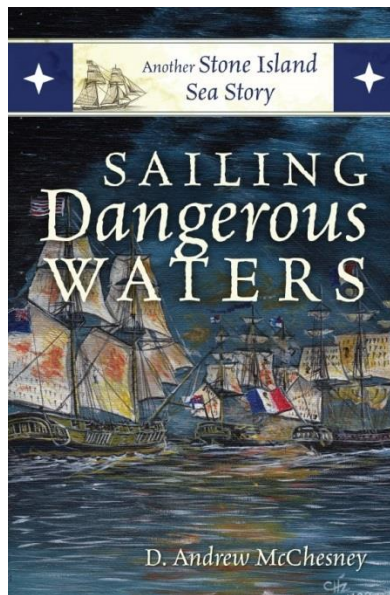


Sailing Dangerous Waters: Another Stone Island Sea Story



D. Andrew McChesney

Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

Sailing Dangerous Waters picks up where *Beyond the Ocean's Edge* left off. Equally well written, I continued to love/hate the characters accordingly, and was present as they explored and settled into the new world, made new friends and got caught up in the local politics. I was frustrated along with Pierce and his men as they strove to make ready to return to England.

Mr. McChesney is a talented writer who can make you smell the sea air, feel the deck roll beneath your feet, and even duck and cringe and cover your ears at the sounds of cannon. He really must get that third installment out.

Reviewed by Sue Eller

Captain Pierce misses his beloved Evangeline, and tries everything in his power to get back to her. He leaves Stone Island to return home, but his plans and hopes are thwarted by an enemy who should have been a friend. Pierce struggles to understand an unfamiliar government dynamic, uses all his diplomatic skills to try to get his ship released, and makes some unexpected friends along the way. *Sailing Dangerous Waters* continues the Stone Island Sea Stories as McChesney captivates the reader and draws him in to another thrilling adventure.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

It's the early 1800s. Captain Edward Pierce of the HMS *Island Expedition* and his crew, who are thought to be pirates by the Tritonish Government, have been held captive for a year.

When they are finally freed, Edward's hope is to leave this parallel world and sail home to England. He is anxious to see Evangeline, the love of his life, who he hasn't seen for three years. But before they can leave, their ship needs to be repaired.

After repairs are completed, they are on their way. However, their journey is a dangerous one, for England and France are still at war. They have a fierce battle with a French ship and Captain Pierce is shocked when he discovers who the captain of this vessel is.

Eventually, Edward and his crew arrive home. Edward worries that no one will believe his stories of the strange, but similar other world, he and his crew discovered beyond the ocean's edge.

Sailing Dangerous Waters, the second of the *Stone Island Sea Story* series, ends with Edward and Evangeline meeting to discuss their future. Much has happened since they last saw each other, especially in Evangeline's life.

McChesney spins an exciting story with lots of detail and action. His characters are well-defined and interesting. He is very knowledgeable on naval history. He has a good command of the language of the time and knows how a ship and its crew works.

I enjoyed reading this book and recommend it for one and all.

Reviewed by Elena Smith

Sailing Dangerous Waters continues the narrative established in *Beyond the Ocean's Edge*, (which I haven't read), ushering readers into a realm where the masterful storytelling of Dave McChesney unfolds. The intricate character dynamics provoke a spectrum of emotions, often between affection and disdain, as readers accompany Captain Pierce and his crew on their exploration and settlement endeavors in a newfound world. Amidst forging new alliances and navigating local politics, the frustration shared with Pierce and his men in their endeavors to return to England amplifies the narrative's tension.

Transitioning into the chronicles of *Sailing Dangerous Waters*, Captain Pierce's yearning for reunion with his beloved Evangeline propels the narrative forward, interwoven with diplomatic intricacies and unforeseen alliances in an unfamiliar governmental milieu. The meticulous attention to historical detail underscores McChesney's expertise in naval history, enhancing the authenticity of

the narrative backdrop.

McChesney's narrative is accentuated by his linguistic fluency reflective of the era, offering readers a window into the intricacies of shipboard life and interpersonal relationships.

Sailing Dangerous Waters is a testament to McChesney's literary mastership, offering readers an enthralling voyage rich with intrigue, camaraderie, and historical authenticity. Even though 'sailing adventure' is not on the radar of my interests in choosing books, I still enjoyed reading this one very much.



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