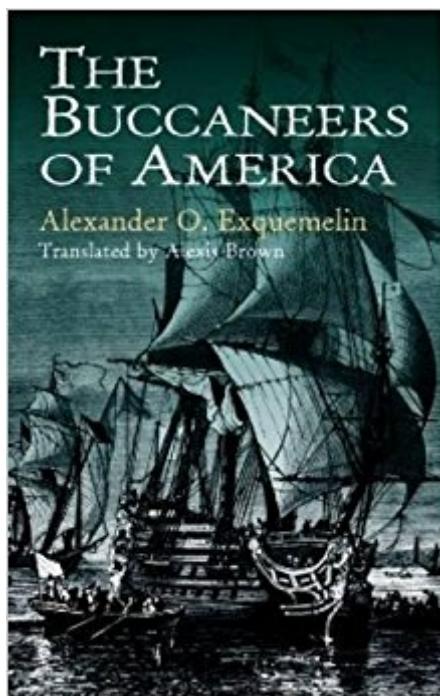


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Synopsis

A cross between genuine privateers, commissioned to defend a country's colonies and trade, and outright pirates, buccaneers were largely English, French, and Dutch adventurers who plied the waters among the Caribbean Islands and along the coasts of Central America, Venezuela, and Colombia more than 300 years ago. The activities of these bands of plundering sea rovers reached a peak in the second half of the seventeenth century, when this remarkable eyewitness account was first published (1678). Alexander Exquemelin, thought to be a Frenchman who enlisted with the buccaneers for a time, chronicles the bold feats of these raiders as they ravaged shipping and terrorized Caribbean settlements. Exquemelin provides fascinating details of the French presence in Hispaniola (now comprising the island nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic) describes the features of that country and its inhabitants, and comments at length on the origin of the buccaneers, vividly recounting their rules of conduct and way of life. These bold plunderers come across as shrewd strategists, crack shots, fine navigators, wild debauchers, and greedy adventurers who frequently engaged in vicious acts of cruelty. Among the figures in his rogues' gallery, none stands out more than the infamous Henry Morgan, whose exploits culminated in the seizure and burning of Panama City. A bestseller in its own time, *The Buccaneers of America* will fascinate any modern reader intrigued by piracy and by the often sordid history of European conflicts in the Caribbean and on the Spanish Main.

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I purchased this book because I am an expat on the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico and wanted to know more about the history of the Caribbean. This book deepened my knowledge of the Caribbean islands and the struggles of their occupants during the Golden Age of the Buccaneers. I was surprised to learn how violent and ruthless the buccaneers were to the people, and what they were forced to eat due to starvation. I was also surprised to learn how many of the occupants from other countries got to the islands ... by being dishonestly recruited and treated worse than slaves, or were prisoners of crimes or debts. I also noticed many similarities between Puerto Rico and the other islands the author describes.

excellent read of pirates throughout american history. interesting historical reference. fun read, detailed info.

A+, as described

Interesting and well written classic book. I couldn't put it down. Completely different from the usual concept of piracy at sea, most of the action takes place on land with invasions of ports and cities. The brutality toward civilians is very graphic and shocking. I was not aware that this type of torture had taken place. I feel sorry for those unfortunates from the past. There was nothing gallant in the pirate actions.

VERY GOOD READ . VERY EDUCATIONAL

Candid and deliberate prose depicting the real savagery of the times. This book gives a true and real glimpse into the world of the pirates, how they were created, where and how they lived, and what became of them. It's a great read. I came away thinking that pirates were the first democratic body of men the world has ever known.

Good book

Want a glimpse of real pirate life during early European settlement of the Americas? Read this book. Super.

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