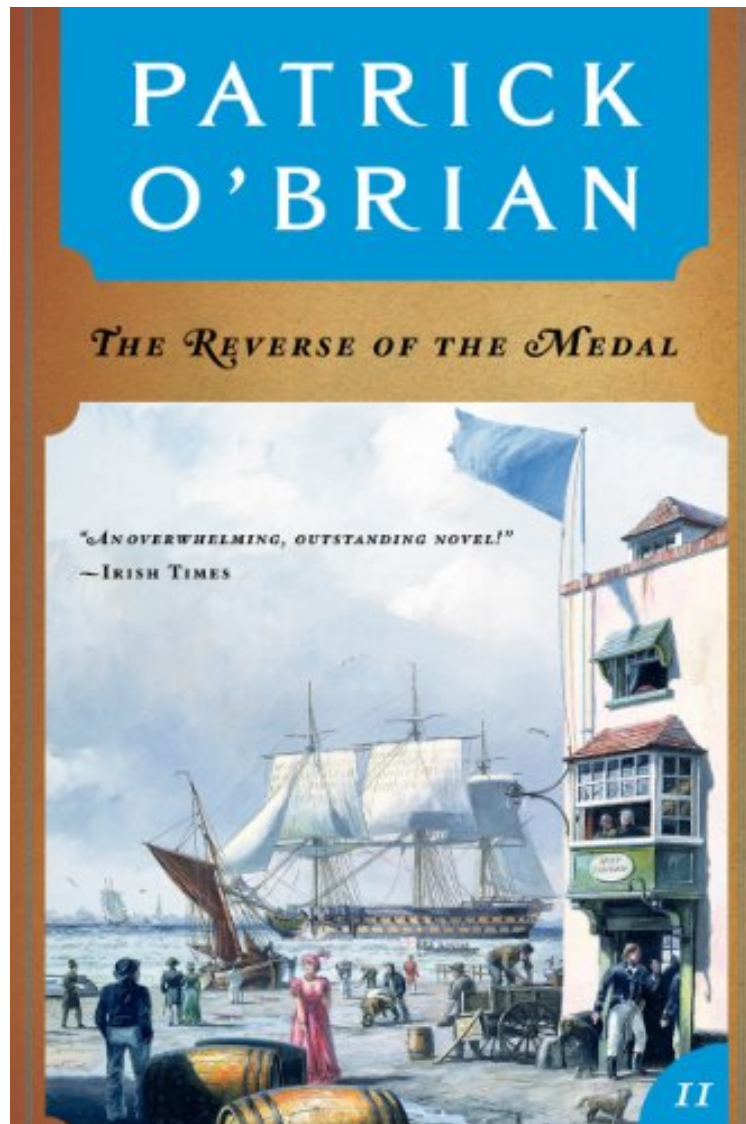


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Von Patrick O'Brian : The Reverse of the Medal (Vol. Book 11) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Reverse of the Medal (Vol. Book 11) (Aubrey/Maturin Novels):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A suspenseful yarn by the master of square-riggersVon Joseph H PierreThe late Patrick O'Brian had absolutely no peer when it came to sea stories. He knew his subject inside and out. For example, here's a passage that demonstrates his knowledge of the square-rig and sailing:"Man the fore clew-garnets."His mind was wholly concerned with making up

these lost miles, for not only had the Spartan gained this flying start, but the Surprise's former gain was now so much handicap. The first high gusts reached the frigate's royals and skysails: she swung round: she gathered steerage-way, and as the sun went down, turning her nascent wake blood-red, he began to make sail. Hitherto she had been beating up, with an array of sharply-braced square sails and staysails reaching almost to the sky; now she was to have the breeze on her quarter, or very near, and he set studdingsails aloft and alow, with a ringtail to the driver, bonnets, of course, and save-alls under the studdingsails and even the driver boom, brought the foretack to the cathead with a passaree, cast off the maintack and hauled the weather-clew of the maincourse to the yard." (page 97-98) O'Brian was not simply making up those archaic terms. He was describing actual procedures and using real ship's nomenclature of the day. For the non-sailor, to whom the terminology might as well be in Greek, his main point is plain. There was a chase on. He was clearly using every trick in the book. For the knowledgeable sailor, it is sheer delight to read. In this story, replete with London politics, intrigue and espionage, the heroic Captain Jack Aubrey innocently runs afoul of the law through an ill-advised investment scheme, and is disgraced and humiliated by being punished on the pillory. The ensuing adventure gives O'Brian's brilliant characterization and often beautiful prose full play. That Patrick O'Brian was prolific in no way detracts from the quality of his work. Each story is a masterpiece. He demonstrates a marvelous insight into human emotions, and engages you with his characters, showing their weaknesses and strengths; in short, making them come to life. I have never read any author who so skillfully caught me and addicted me to his stories. He was a true master. Joseph Pierre, Author of THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS: Our Journey Through Eternity 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It almost caused a wreck! Von Susan in Tennessee I'm an Aubrey/Maturin devotee who has read all in series up to this point. I must say that this book rivals Master and Commander, which was my favorite up till now. I enjoyed this novel as a book on tape, read peerlessly by Patrick Tull. Of course, at moments of greatest interest, I would arrive at my destination and have to fabricate reasons to stay in my car just a few minutes longer! However, I question whether the law should allow drivers to enjoy books while driving, as I frequently found myself gripping the wheel with passion and barely conscious of the cars around me! Seriously, though, this is one of the greatest reads I have experienced, and I am a lifelong compulsive reader. O'Brian is a genius and his death is a tragic loss to the reading world. 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An awesome tale. Von Ein Kunde With an accurate depiction of English 19th Century justice and politics as a backdrop, O'Brian creates a riveting, absolutely spell binding adventure of intrigue and secrecy that most readers will enjoy. A personal note to other POB newbies: the ending is REALLY COOL! I missed my train stop because I was so mesmerized by the climactic moment.

Kurzbeschreibung "An overwhelming, outstanding novel..." Irish Times Captain Jack Aubrey, R. N., ashore after a successful cruise, is persuaded by a casual acquaintance to make certain investments in the City. This innocent decision ensnares him in the London criminal underground and in government espionage the province of his friend Stephen Maturin. Is Aubrey's humiliation and the threatened ruin of his career a deliberate plot? This dark tale is a fitting backdrop to the brilliant characterization and sparkling dialogue which O'Brian's readers have come to expect. de Ashore between cruises, Captain Jack Aubrey is persuaded to sink some money into an investment scheme. Soon this innocent decision enmeshes him in various criminal and even treasonous enterprises, which threaten to destroy his entire career. Bad luck? A deliberate plot? Read this latest installment of the Aubrey-Maturin saga to find out. com Ashore between cruises, Captain Jack Aubrey is persuaded to sink some money into an investment scheme. Soon this innocent decision enmeshes him in various criminal and even treasonous enterprises, which threaten to destroy his entire career. Bad luck? A deliberate plot? Read this latest installment of the Aubrey-Maturin saga to find out.