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The career of Guernsey-born

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Admiral James Saumarez reads like an early history of the Royal Navy. His first battle was against the American revolutionaries in 1775, but thereafter his main opponents were the French and the Spanish, and the first fighting ship he commanded, the eight-

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gun galley Spitfire, was involved in forty-seven engagements before being run aground. Rising through the ranks, Saumarez fought on land and at sea, and was involved in actions in the English Channel, being given command of a squadron of ships

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based at Guernsey. He served on HMS Victory, took part in the Battle of Cape St Vincent, the Blockade of Cadiz, and was with Nelson at the Battle of the Nile. Promoted to Rear Admiral, he led his ships at the battles of Algeciras and the Gut of

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**Gibraltar. Saumarez was then
dispatched into the Baltic, where
he helped thwart Napoleons
attempt at conquering Russia. So
prominent was Saumarez during
the late eighteenth and early
nineteenth centuries, he was
featured in the Hornblower**

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**novels and other fictional books,
including Master and
Commander. Tony Sullivan,
however, tells the true story of
one of the most remarkable
individuals of the great days of
sail, in the first biography of
Saumarez for more than 170**

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years.

Why is Nelson a hero? Because he was a captain before he was 21, a man who shaped the course of history from the decks of his ships, hailed as a saviour of the nation, a hero killed in action at the moment of his greatest

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**victory at the Battle of Trafalgar
and immortalized ever since.**

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grace twice? Did he really put a
telescope to his blind eye? Why**

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**did Victory's signal lieutenant
change his 'England expects'
signal at Trafalgar? What made
his leadership special? This book
traces Nelson's spectacular and
often controversial career from a
Norfolk parson's son who entered
the Royal Navy at the age of**

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twelve, through his youth as a difficult and ambitious naval subordinate, his rise to admiral and celebrity, his fighting career and his outstanding victories at the battles of the Nile, Copenhagen and ultimately Trafalgar.

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It was one of the greatest sea battles in British history and gave birth to a legend. Off the coast of Spain's Cape Trafalgar Peninsula, the British Fleet, led by Lord Horatio Nelson, took on a combined French and Spanish force to determine who would be

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the master of the waves.

England's very existence was at stake for France's Napoleon Bonaparte was poised to send his powerful army across the English Channel to conquer the island. The only obstacle standing in his way was the British fleet. Lord

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Nelson The battle commenced on October 21, 1805 with Nelson's famous words signaled to his fleet: "England expects that every man will do his duty." Nelson had devised an unorthodox battle plan that called for his ships to attack the enemy broadside in

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two parallel lines, break into the enemy's formation and blast his opponents at close quarters. As Nelson watched from the deck of the HMS Victory the battle soon turned into a confused melee of combat between individual ships. The fighting was at such close

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quarters that the Victory became entangled with the French ship Redoubtable. Locked together in a deadly ballet, each ship blasted its enemy at point-blank range. From his perch in the upper rigging of the Redoubtable, a French sharpshooter took aim at

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a prized target on the deck of the Victory, fired and sent a musket ball into Nelson's left shoulder. Continuing its journey, the bullet tore a path through the Admiral's upper body before smashing into his lower back. It was a mortal wound. Nelson was carried below

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**decks while the battle raged on.
He lived long enough to hear the
news of the Redoubtable's
surrender and of his fleet's
victory after four and one-half
hours of combat.**

**A historic connection has the
power to change the future in**

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**this classic, gripping novel from
Newbery Medalist Susan Cooper.
Sam Robbins is a farm boy,
kidnapped to serve on HMS
Victory, the ship on which Lord
Nelson will die a hero's death at
the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.
Molly Jennings is a twenty-first-**

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century English girl who's been transplanted to the United States by her stepfather's job and is fighting her own battle against loss and loneliness. Two different lives, two centuries apart, are linked by a tiny scrap of fraying cloth that's tucked into an old

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book. It draws Molly into Sam's world, to a moment in time that changed history—a frightening shared moment that holds the key both to secrets from the past and hope for the future.

**101 Questions and Answers About
HMS Victory, Nelson's Flagship**

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at Trafalgar 1805

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May 2015 sees the 250th

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anniversary of the launch of HMS Victory, the ship that is so closely associated with Nelson and his great victory at Trafalgar and which, still extant, has today become the embodiment of the great Age of Sail. ?Many books have been

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written about Victory but none like this, which tells the full story of the ship since she first took to the waters in May 1765. It contains many surprises _that she was almost wrecked on her launch; that diplomacy conducted onboard her

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played a crucial role in provoking Napoleon's invasion of Russia in 1812; and that in 1914 Kaiser Wilhelm set the First World War in motion at a desk made from her timbers. The book also tells the story of Horatio Nelson, who was

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born a few weeks before his most famous ship was ordered, and whose career paralleled hers in many ways. It does not ignore the battle of Trafalgar, and indeed it offers new insights into the campaign which led up to it. But it

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says much more about the other lives of the ship, which at different times was a flagship, a fighting ship, a prison hospital ship, a training ship for officers and boys, a floating courtroom, a signal school in the early days of radio, tourist

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attraction and national icon. It looks at her through many eyes, including Queen Victoria, admirals, midshipmen and ordinary seamen, and Beatrix Potter who visited as a girl. It is simply a 'must-have' work for historians and enthusiasts, and

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a compelling new narrative for the general reader.

With the approach of the 200th anniversary of the Royal Navy's greatest battle off Cape Trafalgar on October 21st 1805, much attention will be given to our most

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tangible symbol of that most ferocious engagement, Nelson's fully preserved flagship HMS Victory. Much has been written about HMS Victory but it is often simplistic and romanticised or clearly aimed at the technical

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requirements of the naval historian. In Nelson's Victory, Peter Goodwin adopts a fresh approach to explain the workings of the only surviving 'line of battle' ship of the Napoleonic Wars. As Victory was engaged in battle during only two

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per cent of her active service, Peter Goodwin also provides a glimpse into life and work at sea during the other ninety-eight per cent of the time. As technical and historical advisor to the ship in Portsmouth, he is in a unique position to

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investigate an interpret not only the ship's structure but also the essential aspects of shipboard life: victualling, organisation, discipline, domestic arrangements and medical care. In his role as Keeper and Curator of the ship, the author

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has been asked thousands of questions by visitors and historians alike. In this volume he has selected 101 of the most important and telling questions and provides full and detailed responses to each: 'What types of wood were used in

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building Victory?'; 'What was
Victory's longest voyage?'; 'How
much shot was fired from her guns
at Trafalgar?'; 'How many boats did
Victory carry?'; 'What was prize
money?'; 'What was grog?'; 'When
did her career as a fighting ship

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end?', and 'How many people visit
Victory each year?'.
The British army during the
Napoleonic Wars is often studied
using English sources and the
British view of their French
opponents has been covered in

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exhaustive detail. However, the French view of the British has been less often studied and is frequently misunderstood. This book, based on hundreds of letters, memoirs, and reports of French officers and soldiers of the Napoleonic armies,

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adds to the existing literature by exploring the British army from the French side of the battle line. Each chapter looks at a specific campaign involving the French and the British. Extensive quotes from the French soldiers who were there

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are complemented by detailed notes describing the context of the war and the career of the eyewitness. Throughout the emphasis is on the voices of the lower ranks, the conscripts and the noncommissioned and junior

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officers. They describe in their own words the full range of warfare during the period not only land battles but battles at sea, including the Nile and Trafalgar and accounts of captivity in England are included too. This original and revealing

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material gives a fascinating insight into the attitudes and concerns of the French soldiers of the period and their views about their British enemy.

Constructed from the wood of over 6,000 trees HMS Victory was

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designed as a ' first-rate ship ' ,
packing a formidable punch with
over 100 guns arranged over three
decks. Immortalised as Admiral
Lord Nelson ' s flagship in the Battle
of Trafalgar, after bringing Nelson ' s
body back to England the Victory

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sailed out on a number of expeditions until her retirement in 1812. In a wonderfully entertaining narrative, and packed with fun facts, figures and over 100 colour photographs, author John Christopher recounts the story of

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this celebrated warship right up to its restoration project and current role as the centrepiece of Portsmouth ' s historic docks. Author John Christopher is a life-long transport enthusiast and a balloon pilot. He has previously written The

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Hunter Story and Balloons at War
for The History Press.

Form Line of Battle
HMS London

Victory

The British, French and Spanish

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(The Richard Bolitho adventures:
16): lose yourself in this rip-roaring
naval yarn from the master
storyteller of the sea

Seven ships named Victory have
carried the name in Royal Navy

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service, with the first being Sir John Hawkins' ship at the Battle of the Armada and the seventh, and current, HMS Victory having been the flagship of Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. Both the first and the last have therefore saved England at a time

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of extreme peril.

"How would posterity and the youth of Britain remember my men who had died in such a desperate battle? UNLESS they were told the story, they would have nothing to remember," states Rear Admiral G.W.G.

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Simpson CB, CBE Captain of the Fighting Tenth Flotilla Malta, G.C. 1941-1943. With this in mind, author John L.D. Barnett pens a tribute to the men of the sea in his newly published book through Xlibris, *The Sea is My Grave*. Rich with mementos and photographs,

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this book is a tribute to Bill Barnett and all the wartime officers and men of the Royal Navy Submarine Service, who through their courage and determination, often suffered under atrocious conditions, fought against evil and for the freedom

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of Great Britain. It tells the story of Bill's life and all that he'd seen, sailing the seas, on a British submarine. Readers will follow him as he cast his fate to the wind, and let his spirit roam free, fighting for freedom on the open sea. Appealing to family and

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friends of wartime naval officers, The Sea is My Grave is a tale of battles fought hard, and brave shipmates lost, all through World War II.

No warship name in British naval history has more battle honours than HMS Warspite. While this

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book looks at the lives of all eight vessels to bear the name (between 1596 and the 1990s), it concentrates on the truly epic story of the seventh vessel, a super-dreadnought battleship, conceived as the ultimate answer to German naval power, during

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the arms race that helped cause WW1. Warspite fought off the entire German fleet at Jutland, survived a mutiny between the wars and then covered herself in glory in action from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean during WW2. She was the flagship of Admiral

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Sir Andrew Cunningham when he mastered the Italian Navy in the Mediterranean, her guns inflicting devastating damage on the enemy at Calabria in 1940 and Matapan in 1941. She narrowly avoided destruction by the Japanese carrier force that had

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earlier devastated Pearl Harbor. She provided crucial fire support for Allied landings in Sicily, Italy, Normandy and Walcheren. A lucky ship in battle, she survived dive-bombers off Crete and glide bomb hits off Salerno. The Spite had a reputation for being obtuse

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at unexpected moments, running aground and losing her steering several times; she broke free from her towropes on the way to the breakers and ending up beached at St Michael's Mount where it took a decade to dismantle her. She had fought to

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the end. But this is not just the story of a warship. Wherever possible the voices of those men who fought aboard her speak directly to the reader about their experiences. Warspite is also the story of a great naval nation which constructed her as the

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ultimate symbol of its imperial power and then scrapped her when the sun set on that empire. About the Author
Lain Ballantyne is a much published naval author. His other books for Pen & Sword are HMS London, HMS Rodney and Victory as well

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Lincoln P. Paine's SHIPS OF THE
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HISTORICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA was honored as one of the best reference books of the year by the New York Public Library, and Library Journal described it as "clearly the most fascinating book of the year." Now, in two equally fascinating new books, Paine

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The Adventures of Sam Witchall
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HMS Trincomalee belonged to a class
of 38-gun Fifth Rates which can claim
to have been the Royal navy's standard

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frigate type for the whole of the Napoleonic Wars. Built in India of teak, she is now beautifully restored at Hartlepool, and can justly claim to be the last of Nelson's frigates. As is the case for many historic ships, however, there is a surprising shortage of

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Two children cross an ocean, two hundred years apart. One is Sam Robbins, a powder monkey aboard H.M.S. Victory, the ship in which Lord Nelson will die a hero's death at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The other is Molly Jennings, a present-day

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English girl transplanted from London to America, fighting a battle of her own against loss and loneliness. This extraordinary time-shifting adventure tells the interwoven stories of Sam and Molly, linked by a mystery. Sam is a farm boy, kidnapped by the "press

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gang" to serve in the Royal Navy. At first terrified and seasick, he is transformed gradually into a sailor. In the rowdy, dangerous world of a warship enduring the Napoleonic Wars, he meets both cruelty and kindness, and survives a fearsome battle whose

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echoes reach through the years to involve Molly as well. Like him, she has lost her childhood but will find her future, with help from a very unexpected source. Separate yet together, Sam and Molly struggle through fear and excitement to a final

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ordeal which terrifyingly tests their courage. And the moving climax of the book shows two lives joined forever by the touch of Nelson, one of the greatest sailors of all time.

This is a beautiful and informative guidebook and history of Nelson. A

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captain before he was 21; a household name throughout most of Europe at 39; killed in action just after his 47th birthday; Nelson lived a colourful, crowded and short life. He master-minded some of British history's most resounding victories - at the Nile in

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1798, Copenhagen in 1801 and
Trafalgar in 1805 - losing an arm and
the sight in one eye in the process. He
also had a tempestuous and very public
love affair with Emma Hamilton, one
of the most beautiful women of her
day. Affectionate, engaging, a devoted

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friend and father, he was also ruthless and occasionally even cruel.

Uninspiring and less than heroic in his personal appearance, he was still one of Britain's most charismatic leaders, able to inspire devotion, even love, in those who served with him. It is this

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combination of opposites that makes Nelson so fascinating: there is always something new to be said about him, some new insight into his complex character. Thanks to discoveries by many researchers at the time of the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar

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in 2005 we now know more than ever about the real man - his precise role in his most significant battles and the conduct of his closest relationships. this small book, drawing on the Nelson exhibitions and collections at the National Museum of the Royal Navy,

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Portsmouth, offers a brief introduction to the story of the man who is still widely regarded as one of Britain's greatest heroes.

There is no more illustrious warship name in British naval history H.M.S. Victory, which is inextricably linked

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with Admiral Lord Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar. This fascinating book, the latest in the Famous Warships of the Royal Navy series, celebrates all three at the 200th anniversary of Nelson's greatest triumph and his death in H.M.S.

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Victory. What is less well-known is that six warships before Nelson's carried the name Victory, the first being Sir John Hawkins' during the Battle of the Armada in 1588. All manner of maritime life is included in this book, from piracy in the Azores to

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gentlemanly encounters between the fleets as well as the battle of annihilation that was Trafalgar. The full horror, majesty and thunder of naval warfare in the age of fighting sail are revealed through the first-hand accounts of those who were there.

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Superbly illustrated, well-researched and written by two leading maritime experts, H.M.S. Victory will be enjoyed by all those for whom naval heritage, Nelson and his ship hold a fascination.

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This is the story of the Bellerophon, a ship of the line known to her crew as the Billy Ruffian. Under fourteen captains, she played a conspicuous part in three of the most famous of all sea battles: the battle of the Glorious

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First of June (1794), the opening action against Revolutionary France; the battle of the Nile (1798), which halted Napoleon's eastern expansion from Cairo; and the battle of Trafalgar (1805), which established British naval

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supremacy for 100 years and during which her captain was shot dead with a musket ball an hour before Nelson was mortally wounded. But her crowning glory came six weeks after the Battle of Waterloo, when the Napoleon,

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*trapped in La Rochelle,
surrendered to the captain of the
ship that had dogged his steps for
more than twenty years.*

*The Battle of Trafalgar, 21 October
1805, remains one of the defining
moments in naval history. The*

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decisive nature of the engagement, the death of Nelson and the outpouring of national grief in the aftermath have inspired a wealth of literature on the battle and many narratives have retold this famous action.

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However, until now no work has attempted to provide an in-depth history of each of the British, French and Spanish vessels that were at the engagement. Dividing the fleets into the relevant classes by their rating, this landmark book

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proceeds to provide a service history of each individual vessel, including specifications tables, list of commanders, casualty lists and refit histories. Each class of vessel is illustrated by original plans drawn specially by the author

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the American New Jersey, which took part in three wars, and whose guns still remain ready for action. From the mighty German Bismarck of 1941, destroyed on its first operation voyage, Battleship ranges to Admiral Nelson's legendary HMS Victory, still a flagship after more than 200 years Hough

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weaves these examples into a pattern of progress ranging from the galleon to the immense super-dreadnought. In addition, he focuses in depth upon armaments, structural developments, and the tactics of war – all these play a crucial part in the epic history of the battleship. But above all Richard

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interpretation of arguably the most important revolution of all time: the event that made the rights of man and the demand for liberty, equality and fraternity central to modern politics. This new addition to the best-selling Conway pocket-book range features Admiral Nelson's fully preserved

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flagship HMS Victory, the most tangible symbol of the Royal Navy's greatest battle off Cape Trafalgar on October 21st 1805. In the HMS Victory Pocket Manual, Peter Goodwin adopts a fresh approach to explain the workings of the only surviving 'line of battle' ship of the Napoleonic Wars.

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