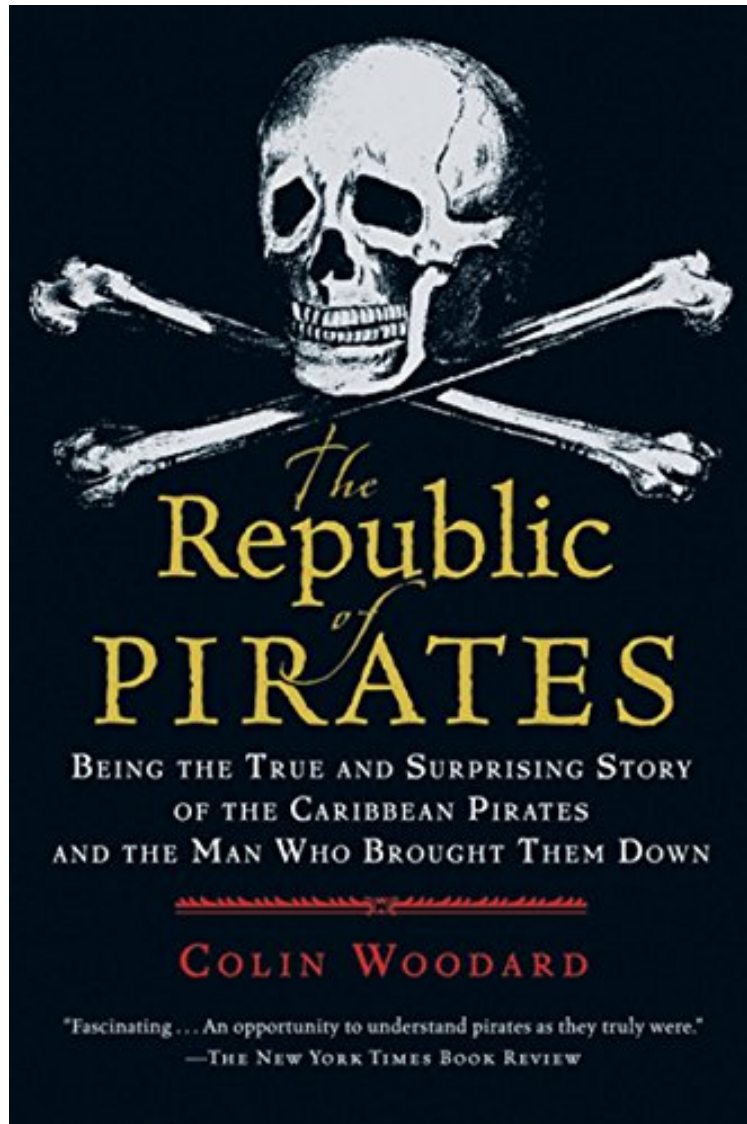


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19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Nasty, brutish, and shortBy Perry B. Alers, aka peebeeI have learned a lot more about the pirates of the Caribbean than I ever wanted to know, but now I can be fascinating at dinner tables. For one thing, I didn't know that there were such serious divisions among pirate leaders over the English Succession; Stuart vs. Hanover. It all had to do with royal pardons. Another aspect of pirate life was the need not only to plunder cargoes but to find the ships to do so. We are so accustomed to national Navies that we take their ships for granted; the average pirate king was constantly on the lookout for better transport. Mr. Woodard's book is full of such insights, but I found it a bit tedious, probably because, by definition, the pirates were pretty much free agents, and their histories don't cluster very well. As a result the book sometimes just becomes a chronology, centered around individuals. Not bad bedtime reading, but occasionally a slog.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Historical InformationBy CJs PirateThe Republic of Pirates is an enjoyable read. It's not so much a book as a series of tales. Chapters are centered around a central character, time, location or ship. It's quite interesting, I think mostly accurate and a good source material for Black Sails (which my family really enjoyed).0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The whole story of what really mattered at that timeBy Angel P.Whether the information is 100% true or just a way to fill in the story, I have to say that I really enjoyed this book from beginning to end. I loved the way the author described the places, routes and characters. There is an interesting crossover of events and what the main characters of the Golden Age did. It felt like every piece was on place and every question answered. I totally recommend this book to fans of Pirates series (Black Flag game, Black Sails) or history in general. Once you are into the story, you will get to imagine every detail and action perfectly described in this book.

From Publishers WeeklyWoodard (The Lobster Coast) tells a romantic story about Caribbean pirates of the "Golden Age" (1715-1725) whom he sees not as criminals but as social revolutionaries and the colonial governors who successfully clamped down on them, in the early 18th-century Bahamas. One group of especially powerful pirates set up a colony in the Bahamas. Known as New Providence, the community attracted not only disaffected sailors but also runaway slaves and yeomen farmers who had trouble getting a toehold in the plantation economy of the American colonies. The British saw piracy as a threat to colonial commerce and government. Woodes Rogers, the governor of the Bahamas and himself a former privateer, determined to bring the pirates to heel. Woodard describes how Rogers, aided by Virginia's acting governor, Alexander Spotswood, finally defeated the notorious Blackbeard. Woodard's portrait of Rogers is a little flat; the man is virtually flawless ("courageous, selfless, and surprisingly patriotic"), and the prose is sometimes breathless ("they would know him by just one word... pirate"). Still, this is a fast-paced narrative that will be especially attractive to lovers of pirate lore and to vacationers who are Bahamas-bound. Maps. (May) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistThe early eighteenth century was the so-called golden age of piracy, particularly in the Caribbean. Although much of the romantic musings about "pirate honor" is nonsense, an unusual group of pirates, led by Edward "Blackbeard" Teach and Sam Bellamy, actually set up a functioning government in the Bahamas with pretensions to establishing a form of social justice. Their "republic" attracted deserting sailors who could not tolerate harsh naval discipline, runaway slaves, and impoverished farmers. In this republic, called New Providence, a rough but democratic and egalitarian ethos apparently took hold. But, according to Woodard, the British government saw the existence of this independent entity as an intolerable threat. So, on the theory of sending a thief to catch a thief, they sent Woodes Rogers, a former privateer, to crush the republic. This breezy, fast-moving book is filled with exciting action and colorful characters. It will provide general readers and those with a special interest in the period much enjoyment. Jay FreemanCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved.PRAISE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF PIRATES "Fascinating . . . beyond rip-roaring adventure stories from the distant past, [the book offers] an opportunity to understand pirates as they truly were."The New York Times Book "It's a rollicking tale, filled with rich details of the lives of men who, for their own personal gain, challenged the spread of empires."The Times-Picayune (New Orleans)