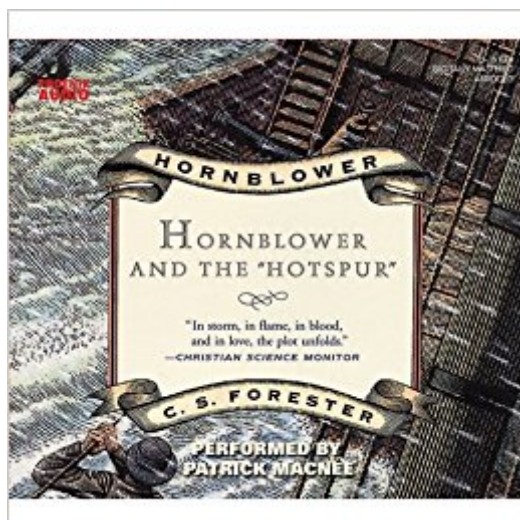


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Hornblower And The Hotspur (Hornblower Saga (Audio))



Synopsis

April 1803. The Peace of Amiens is breaking down. Napoleon is building ships and amassing an army just across the Channel. Horatio Hornblower -- who, at age twenty-seven, has already distinguished himself as one of the most daring and resourceful officers in the Royal Navy -- commands the three-masted Hotspur on a dangerous reconnaissance mission that evolves, as war breaks out, into a series of spectacular confrontations. All the while, the introspective young commander struggles to understand his new bride and mother-in-law, his officers and crew, and his own accursed unhappy temperament -- matters that trouble him more, perhaps, than any of Bonaparte's cannonballs.

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Customer Reviews

MacNee (The Avengers and A View to a Kill) is a superb choice to read this ripping yarn -- the third in Forester's expert and exciting series about a young naval officer who rises rapidly through the ranks to become one of England's heroes in the battles against Napoleon's huge fleet of fast and formidably armed frigates. MacNee is perfect as the young Horatio Hornblower, who listeners meet on his wedding day in 1803. The couple's romance succumbs to history as the dastardly French prepare to attack. With the possible exception of Patrick O'Brian, nobody else writes about sea battles with the perfect control of Forester, and MacNee uses all his acting skills to keep the action moving. A few sound effects might have been in order during the fighting scenes, but one can't have everything. A Back Bay paperback. (Aug.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of

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This trio offer more of the salty adventures of the title character, who sailed the ocean blue during the Napoleonic Wars. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have been a Hornblower follower for decades. This was a late development in the saga and covers the period when Hornblower was reappointed as a commander and given a sloop of war to command both before and after the Treaty of Amiens. It covers many activities, blockade, raids ashore, bad weather and technical developments of the Royal Navy at the start of the 19th Century. It also adds the distraction, so called, of Hornblower now being married and having to worry about his domestic as well as professional lives. In all, it is an excellent writing and should be in the library of everyone who is interested in the Hornblower Saga.

Hornblower and the Hotspur This is the third book in the Hornblower Saga following *Lieutenant Hornblower*. This book opens with Hornblower getting married to Maria. Hornblower may be able to face cannon fire without fear, but he is just incapable of facing a crying woman who wants to marry him. An irony here is that while the British are being "pressed" into service as seamen, Hornblower is being "pressed" into marriage. Hornblower is given command of the sloop *Hotspur*. He is tasked with the mission of reconning (going on a reconnaissance mission) France's primary naval station in Brest. Brest is still an important naval base for France even today according to my information. Hornblower shows a remarkable talent for ferreting out information from the French without his sources even knowing that they have been used by a master spy or Hornblower's men figuring out how he learned certain information. Hornblower distinguishes himself in action once again but runs into trouble with the god, Neptune. The winter weather turns ugly. I highly recommend this book and the entire series to fans of David Weber's Honor Harrington series the first of which is *On Basilisk Station (Honor Harrington)*, naval adventure fans and ex-Navy people (a Marine who can read, might, also enjoy it. Gunner March, 2014). P.S. Hey, I'm ex-army. We love to harass the jar-heads! During Viet Nam we were reluctant to let them play with the claymore mines, A claymore mine is a directional mine that has TOWARDS ENEMY in raised letters on one side. That doesn't work if you can't read English! Later The next book is *Hornblower During the Crisis (Hornblower Saga)*

One of life's true joys is sitting back and reading a Horatio Hornblower book. This wonderful character -- on one hand a naval genius and on the other, an introspective, incredibly human leader -- commands a small warship charged with keeping Napoleon's fleet penned-up in the French harbor of Brest, preventing any possibility of a naval attack on England. Forester is amazing in his knowledge of the sailing ships and naval crews of that era. While we marvel at Hornblower's audacity and skill when confronting the enemy, we are reminded that Forester is the one who creates the scenarios and is to be saluted for their originality and execution, if not their genius. And it's not all war at sea: In this book Hornblower gets married and suffers the heartache of separation experienced by most sailors who spend long months at sea, away from their loved ones. I've read nearly all of the Hornblower books and have not been disappointed by any of them.

I've read the first 3. All are good. This one is the best. Recommendation: search YouTube for "How to Sail" for the most enjoyment unless you're a knowledgeable sailor.

More personal and perhaps softer it had a different tone than the preceding books, still a great read and an instant favorite. Hornblower does it again!

A sweeping history of the Napoleonic wars mingled with the inner struggle of an individual who personalises the times and the detail of the British Royal Navy when Britannia did indeed rule the waves and hence the world. The Hornblower series is excellent in its scope as history brought to life, but especially in its penetrating view of the minute detail of the detail of life in the navy and the inner life of an individual under the enormous pressure of war. Compulsively readable and brilliantly entertaining, this book smells of salt and gunpowder and humanity. There have been many imitators of Forester, but none have approached the heights that he has scaled. Read one Hornblower and be inevitably drawn into the series and feel the loss of a friend as you finish the last book in this bewitching saga.

When I was in elementary school, I discovered one of the Hornblower books serialized in a magazine. I believe it was *The Saturday Evening Post* that became the object of contention between my father and I. Since I usually got home before he did, the latest installment usually fell to me first. It was all moot since I'd usually finished reading it by the time he got home. The local library had copies of the original novel, so I was able to get a large dose of Hornblower at a very early age and have loved the franchise ever since. The characters are skillfully drawn and well rounded. The

plots and subplots mesh well and the action is realistically presented. The dialogue is quaintly flavored but not stilted. All in all, the series of which this book is a part is the gold standard of "Age of Sail" writing. I've read voraciously in the genre and found others who approach but none that surpass Forester's Hornblower.

I am learning the lingo of sailing....and this painfully honest and ethical naval hero Hornblower. Bush, Doughty, Cornwallis....blended together into a thrilling account of the sea and war. Horatio and his love of strategy and precise maneuvering under pressure created a page turner which was unexpected. Finally a reluctant love story that doesn't overwhelm the real plot and remains thankfully in the background and rises just enough to know Horatio is in fact a real man. I am excited to continue his adventure....in a new assignment...in a new command...leaving behind him....those he had learned to care for and respect.

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