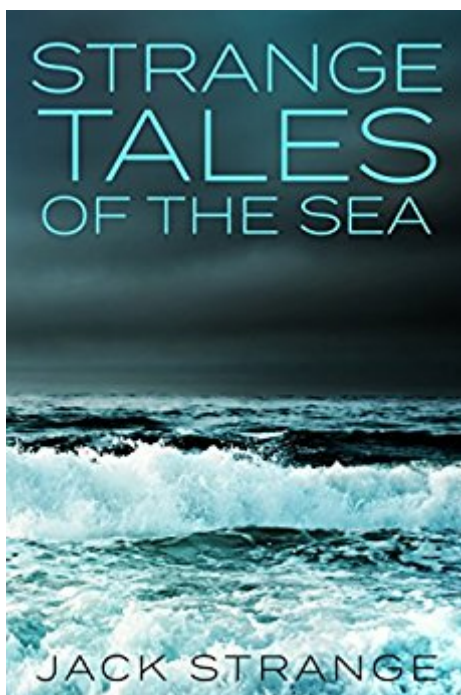


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Synopsis

What lurks beneath the waves, and onboard the most mysterious of ships? Get ready to experience the lore and lure of the sea with these myths, legends and true stories. Centuries-old folklore and tales of haunted vessels. Sea monsters and ghosts. Cannibalism at sea, and mysterious disappearances. Included are also tales of sailors ashore, and the prostitutes and crimps that preyed on them. Find out what happened to stowaways, how they were treated, and about the myth that women were not welcome on ships. Welcome to Strange Tales of the Sea.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed every single bit of this book. There's just something about the sea, the ship's and the people that fascinate the heck out of me. I especially love the ship's that people abandon, thinking they're sinking, and then those same ships are spotted months and even years later sailing all over the sea's. My dream is to live in a lighthouse, so I loved those stories too! I'd recommend this book. It sure made for some interesting reading.

The ocean is its own universe. The minute a ship leaves port it enters a world like no other. With the sky above and the sea below, a ship and its crew exist in an environment that has its own rules, rewards and retributions. It's a grueling existence, this seafaring life, especially in centuries past where there are no hygienic conditions let alone luxuries. But there are stories and superstitions, legends, anecdotes, history and factoids, all with their own mysterious appeal. It's a life where imagination takes hold, where myth becomes reality, where ghosts become traveling companions, and fellow sailors become a family, many times a dysfunctional one. In *Strange Tales of the Sea*, Jack Strange demonstrates in intimate detail his exacting knowledge of the subject. Not a storybook in the traditional sense but a book that brims with exciting and fascinating details that only an impassioned historian can construct. With 17 chapters and enticing titles such as *Ships with Ghosts* and *Ships with Luck*, *Ships that Disappeared*, *Creatures of the Deep*, *Eating the Ship's Boy*, *Religion at Sea*, etc., you know this is not going to be a dry and dull thesis. If you are a history or mythology buff, looking to research material for your own treatise on the sea, or are just fascinated by the subject, Jack's book is a must have.

A series of fun entertaining short stories that I would recommend to anyone . This book contains numerous nautical technical terms that I enjoyed reading as most books of this type tend to be peppered with few.

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The sea is a place of mystery to be sure. This book tells a lot of stories about the sea and sailors which you will find quite informative and interesting. In my paintings of the sea and sailors at anthonydunphyfineart.com you can see them all in their element.

Jack Strange is a pseudonym and this book is aptly named. Well researched and succinctly told, the author takes us through many superstitions, myths, and legend mixed with facts, history, and interesting but little known anecdotes of the seafaring life and even life on shore. He writes with intelligence and style reminiscent of Hemingway -- minces no words but manages to convey the essence of the sea and those ships, men, and women who have sailed it. I learned smatterings of real history and nomenclature. He correctly identifies the Inuit of the north and refers to classical Greeks and Romans, who were seafarers, as well as more modern Europeans. I found it interesting the Phoenicians weren't mentioned, but the book is very wide ranging in its topics and the entire

scale of the sea and sailors is so vast that every tale can't be told. The history of lighthouses was especially intriguing to me. The stories of the women who accompanied or married the sailors was a nicely inclusive portion of the book that delighted me. Minor editing errors appear and there is a strange lack of punctuation that may be particularly British, but I believe the research and writing to be excellent and factual. I might add at this point that I read the book in one sitting as I couldn't put it down until two o'clock in the morning! Am looking forward to reading more books by this author, who also has a wry sense of humor that shines through the sometimes macabre stories. I felt like I was being treated to a fireside chat amongst friends, of ghost stories and strange tales, over perhaps a glass of single malt whisky, hosted by a very amusing and friendly historian. Shiver me timbers.

Strange is as Strange does, apparently. But who doesn't like a good seafaring tale? And this slim volume has many. Some are stranger than others, some are more interesting than others, but all quite entertaining. The book might have done with some minor editing and maybe some photos, but the author's enthusiasm sort of makes up for that and for a Kindle freebie this was lovely. Perfectly diverting way to spend an evening, particularly for armchair adventurers. Recommended.

This book was a very well researched and fascinating collection of unusual tales of the sea relating to many different facets like women on ships, hauntings, pirates, sea serpents and much, much more. Interesting details are included, as are introductions to many unsung heroes and villains. It gives the facts, many of which are not well known. A fascinating and informative read and a must for lovers of strange occurrences.

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