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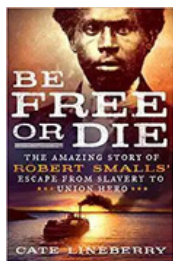


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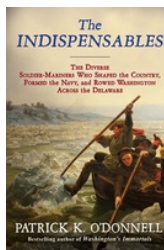


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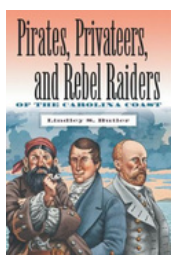
Be Free or Die: The Amazing Story of Robert Smalls' Escape From Slavery to Union Hero
by Cate Lineberry

The astonishing true story of Robert Smalls' amazing journey from slave to Union hero and ultimately United States Congressman.



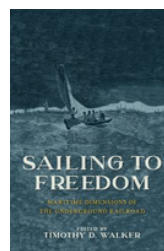
The Indispensables by Patrick K. O'Donnell

No group played a more consequential role in the annals of the American Revolution than the Marbleheaders. Beginning nearly a decade before the war started, and in the midst of a raging virus that divided the town politically, Marbleheaders spearheaded the break with Britain and shaped the nascent United States by playing a crucial role governing, building alliances, seizing British ships, forging critical supply lines, and establishing the origins of the US Navy.



Pirates, Privateers & Rebel Raiders of the Carolina Coast by Lindley S. Butler

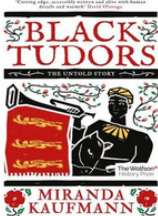
North Carolina has one of the most treacherous coastlines in the U.S. Its waters have been the scene of some of the most dramatic episodes of piracy and sea warfare in the nation's history. The state's maritime heritage is vividly brought to life with engaging biographical portraits of the most famous pirates, privateers, & naval raiders to ply the Carolina waters.



Sailing to Freedom: Maritime Dimensions of the Underground Railroad

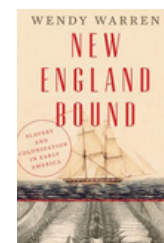
Edited by Timothy D. Walker

By the mid-19th century an increasing number of enslaved people had fled northward along the Atlantic seaboard. This groundbreaking volume expands our understanding of how freedom was achieved by sea and what the journey looked like for many African Americans.



Black Tudors by Miranda Kaufmann

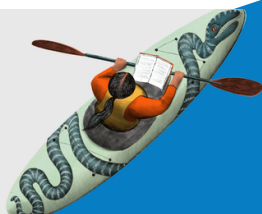
A black porter publicly whips a white Englishman in the hall of a Gloucestershire manor house. A Moroccan woman is baptised in a London church. Henry VIII dispatches a Mauritanian diver to salvage lost treasures from the Mary Rose. From long-forgotten records emerge the remarkable stories of Africans who lived free in Tudor England...



New England Bound: Slavery and Colonization in Early America by Wendy Warren

While earlier histories of slavery largely confine themselves to the South, Warren's "panoptical exploration" links the growth of the northern colonies to the slave trade and examines the complicity of New England's leading families, demonstrating how the region's economy derived its vitality from the slave trading ships coursing through its ports.

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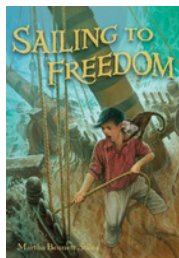


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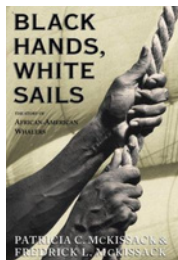
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Sailing to Freedom

by Martha Bennett Stiles

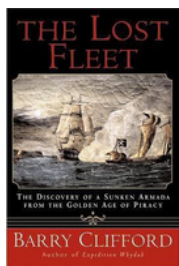
In the mid-1800's, while serving as cook's apprentice on his uncle's schooner with his pet monkey, Allie, twelve-year-old Ray discovers that they are transporting a fugitive slave to the free north.



Black Hands, White Sails: the Story of African-American Whalers

by Pat McKissack

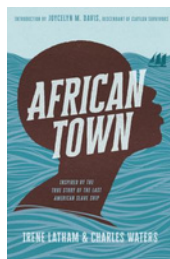
A history of African-American whalers between 1730 and 1880, describing their contributions to the whaling industry and their role in the abolitionist movement.



The Lost Fleet: The Discovery of a Sunken Armada From the Golden Age of Piracy

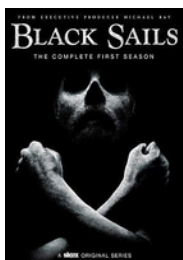
by Barry Clifford

On January 2, 1678, a fleet of French ships sank in the Caribbean Sea, 100 miles off the Venezuelan coast, on the reef of Las Aves Island. These wrecks claimed more than 1,200 lives and sparked the rise of a golden age of piracy, an era that forever altered the shape of the Americas.



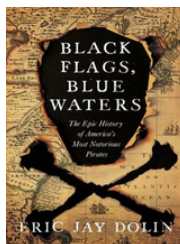
African Town by Irene Latham

African Town is a powerful novel-in-verse chronicling the story of the last Africans brought illegally to America in 1860. After the U.S. outlawed the importation of enslaved laborers, 110 men, women, & children from Benin & Nigeria were captured and brought to Mobile, Alabama, aboard a ship called Clotilda. After being hidden in the swamps along the Alabama River, they were parceled out to plantations, where they attempted to maintain their culture and fit into the place of captivity to which they'd been delivered.



Black Sails: The Complete First Season

1715. New Providence Island is a lawless territory controlled by pirate captains. The most feared is Captain Flint. As the British Navy returns to exterminate Flint and his crew, Flint allies himself with the daughter of the local kingpin. Many opponents stand in their way: rival captains; Eleanor's father; and John Silver, recently recruited onto Flint's crew, who constantly undermines his captain's agenda.



Black Flags, Blue Waters by Eric Jay Dolin

Depicted here are the star pirates: towering Blackbeard, ill-fated Captain Kidd, and sadistic Edward Low, who delighted in torturing his prey. Also detailed are the pirates' manifold enemies, including colonial governor John Winthrop, evangelist Cotton Mather, and Benjamin Franklin. Upending cartoonish stereotypes, Dolin provides an account of the seafaring outlaws whose raids reflect the precarious nature of American colonial life.

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