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PREFACE

THIS book is intended for young people between the ages of eleven and fifteen. It is also designed for collateral reading in connection with the study of one or more of the formal elementary textbooks on American history.

The authors have attempted to set forth with some fullness of detail a number of dramatic and picturesque events to illustrate the perils and bravery of our heroes of the sea, in the hope of stimulating young people to further reading of maritime and other history. The stories herein narrated have been rewritten or adapted from trustworthy sources, and contain such incidents and anecdotes as are likely to hold the attention because of their human interest.

It is suggested that teachers and parents supplement these narratives with other historical

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