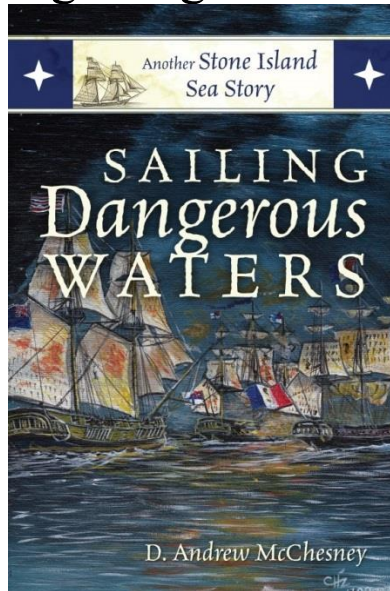


Sailing Dangerous Waters



D. Andrew McChesney

Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

Sailing Dangerous Waters picks up where *Beyond the Ocean's Edge* left off. Equally well written, I continued to love/hate the characters accordingly, and was present as they explored and settled into the new world, made new friends and got caught up in the local politics. I was frustrated along with Pierce and his men as they strove to make ready to return to England.

Mr. McChesney is a talented writer who can make you smell the sea air, feel the deck roll beneath your feet, and even duck and cringe and cover your ears at the sounds of cannon. He really must get that third installment out.

Reviewed by Sue Eller

Captain Pierce misses his beloved Evangeline, and tries everything in his power to get back to her. He leaves Stone Island to return home, but his plans and hopes are thwarted by an enemy who should have been a friend. Pierce struggles to understand an unfamiliar government dynamic, uses all his diplomatic skills to try to get his ship released, and makes some unexpected friends along the way. *Sailing Dangerous Waters* continues the Stone Island Sea Stories as McChesney captivates the reader and draws him in to another thrilling adventure.

Reviewed by Gayle Pace

In the Stone Island Sea Stories, there are two books. This is Book Two and Book One is *BEYOND THE OCEANS EDGE*. Book Two, *SAILING DANGEROUS WATERS* is about the captain and his crew for the HMS *Island Expedition*. It's about their travels from another world and the problems they came upon and had to deal with. I would suggest reading the first book before the second. I guarantee the first sentence along with the cover will attract your attention.

The setting is in the early 1800's. Comparing the settings, the differences and the similarities of the two worlds will keep the reader totally entranced and very hard to let go. Mr. McChesney wrote a very easy to read book even though the crew and captain were quite different characters. The author puts you right on deck with the captain and the crew. He painted such vivid scenes and characters that they were so real. I'm not much of a sailing person, knowing very little about it, but the book was extremely fascinating. It entertained me as a reader as the HMS *Island Expedition* ran upon so many enemy ships and they were up to defending their own. I believe if the reader reads the first book, then the second, the reader will gain more knowledge so that continuing into the second journey would be easier. Mr. McChesney wrote about Captain Edward Pierce and the sadness that was felt for his love that was lost. He wasn't about to betray his love for his country. If you love sailing stories touched with battle, history and love, then this story will fit right in for your reading on a cold evening. The bad thing I found about the book was that I wanted more. Hopefully there will be. I would recommend this book to everyone. Very entertaining. Writing was very well done. I was given a complimentary copy from the author for my view of the book. No other compensation took place.

Reviewed by Ashley Lemar's, *Closed the Cover*
By Diana S. Gregory

Sailing Dangerous Waters is the second book in the Stone Island Sea Story, written by D. Andrew McChesney. It tells the story of the captain and crew of the HMS *Island Expedition* and their journey back from another world and the trials they encountered just to get back to London. At first, I was a little hesitant to read this as it was the second book in a series; however, it grabbed my attention in the very first paragraph. I highly recommend this to anyone that loves a good period action book.

With the setting in the early 1800's and with the similarities between the parallel worlds, there is plenty to keep an active reader mesmerized throughout the entire book. I was amazed at how easy it was to read and yet complex to keep interest in the captain and his crew. The imagery that Mr. McChesney was able to convey was outstanding-I felt like I was there on the deck and in the ports with this crew. It was beautifully written and even the non-nautical minded reader will be entertained, especially during the multiple times the HMS *Island Expedition* encountered enemy ships and had to defend their position.

The way Mr. McChesney was able to draw enough of the first story into this piece was perfect as the reader will feel satisfied with their knowledge of that story to continue with this journey of the HMS *Island Expedition*. It was especially refreshing to see the author convey the undertone of anguish that Captain Edward Pierce felt on several occasions for his lost love and his desire not to betray his love for country. The story ends leaving the reader wanting more and searching the book racks for the next book.

Highly recommended

Reviewed by Miki Hope

This is a strange and interesting book about the travels of the HMS *Island Expedition*.

This is the second in the series and I kind of wish I had read the first one before reading this. I think I might have caught on a lot quicker than I did. This is in part a historical novel of the time of the sailing ships in the 1800s I believe, at the time when England and France were fighting. This book begins in a parallel universe--one eerily similar to the one the HMS *Island Expedition* left behind. You cannot miss the similarities! If you or someone you know is a history buff you will absolutely love this fictional novel with more than a grain of truth in it.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

It's the early 1800s. Captain Edward Pierce of the HMS *Island Expedition* and his crew, who are thought to be pirates by the Tritonish Government, have been held captive for a year.

When they are finally freed, Edward's hope is to leave this parallel world and sail home to England. He is anxious to see Evangeline, the love of his life, who he hasn't seen for three years. But before they can leave, their ship needs to be repaired.

After repairs are completed, they are on their way. However, their journey is a dangerous one, for England and France are still at war. They have a fierce battle with a French ship and Captain Pierce is shocked when he discovers who the captain of this vessel is.

Eventually, Edward and his crew arrive home. Edward worries that no one will believe his stories of the strange, but similar other world, he and his crew discovered beyond the ocean's edge.

Sailing Dangerous Waters, the second of the *Stone Island Sea Story* series, ends with Edward and Evangeline meeting to discuss their future. Much has happened since they last saw each other, especially in Evangeline's life.

McChesney spins an exciting story with lots of detail and action. His characters are well-defined and interesting. He is very knowledgeable on naval history. He has a good command of the language of the time and knows how a ship and its crew works.

I enjoyed reading this book and recommend it for one and all.

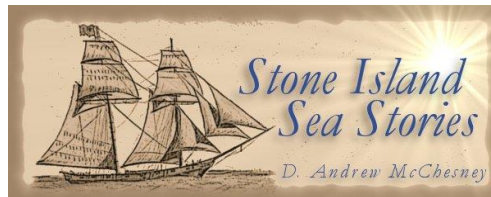
Reviewed by Elena Smith

Sailing Dangerous Waters continues the narrative established in *Beyond the Ocean's Edge*, (which I haven't read), ushering readers into a realm where the masterful storytelling of Dave McChesney unfolds. The intricate character dynamics provoke a spectrum of emotions, often between affection and disdain, as readers accompany Captain Pierce and his crew on their exploration and settlement endeavors in a newfound world. Amidst forging new alliances and navigating local politics, the frustration shared with Pierce and his men in their endeavors to return to England amplifies the narrative's tension.

Transitioning into the chronicles of *Sailing Dangerous Waters*, Captain Pierce's yearning for reunion with his beloved Evangeline propels the narrative forward, interwoven with diplomatic intricacies and unforeseen alliances in an unfamiliar governmental milieu. The meticulous attention to historical detail underscores McChesney's expertise in naval history, enhancing the authenticity of the narrative backdrop.

McChesney's narrative is accentuated by his linguistic fluency reflective of the era, offering readers a window into the intricacies of shipboard life and interpersonal relationships.

Sailing Dangerous Waters is a testament to McChesney's literary mastership, offering readers an enthralling voyage rich with intrigue, camaraderie, and historical authenticity. Even though 'sailing adventure' is not on the radar of my interests in choosing books, I still enjoyed reading this one very much.



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