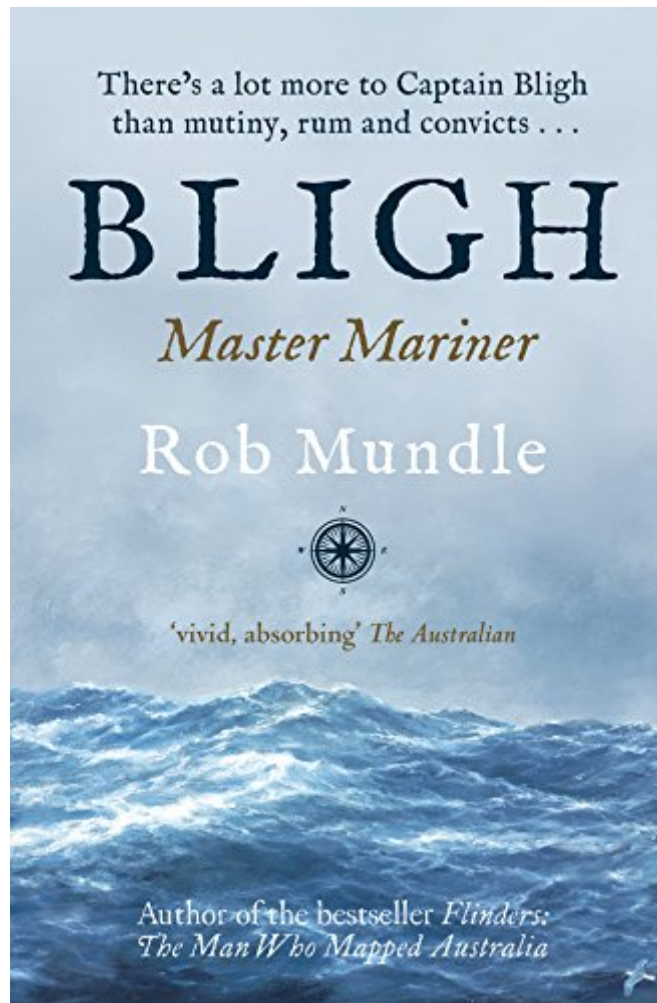




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Bligh: Master Mariner



Synopsis

The eighteenth century was an era when brave mariners took their ships beyond the horizon in search of an unknown world. Those chosen to lead these expeditions were exceptional navigators, men who had shown brilliance as they ascended the ranks in the Royal Navy. They were also bloody good sailors. From ship's boy to vice-admiral, discover how much more there was to Captain Bligh than his infamous bad temper. Meet a 24-year-old Master Bligh as he witnesses the demise of his Captain and mentor Cook; a 34-year-old Lieutenant Bligh at the helm of the famous Bounty then cast adrift by Fletcher Christian on an epic 47-day open-boat voyage from Tonga to Timor; and a 36-year-old Captain Bligh as he takes HMS Providence, in the company of a young Matthew Flinders, on a grand scientific voyage around the world. And all this before he was forty. Rob Mundle's BLIGH puts you at the heart of a great nautical life - it's a story that embraces the romance of the sea, bravery in battle, the adventure of exploration under sail and the cost of having the courage of your convictions.

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Customer Reviews

I was introduced to this book through my book club and what a gem it turned out to be. Bligh is synonymous with Australian history - his amazing feats which are well delineated in this writing really

capture the imagination in such a way that you feel you are actually part of the experience. My knowledge of Bligh was primarily centred around the the mutiny on the 'Bounty' so it was quite a revelation to realise what an extraordinary man he was. The navigational charts and maps that he was responsible for have been invaluable since he created them - his seamanship was second to none. This book not only brought to life a career at sea but it also touched on Bligh's home and family life. I think the entire book was very well balanced and I found it very hard to put down. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to read and enjoy Mundle's thoughts on an extremely influential but often maligned hero.

This is an incredible story. The book starts out slow but once Bligh is on the Endeavor in an effort to bring bread foot back the story comes to life. It was frustrating to not understand the real causes of the mutiny. Perhaps even Bligh never understood but some piece of the puzzle is missing. Either Bligh changed his leadership style or the real cause of the mutiny remains a puzzle.

Great read of a well researched book by a great storyteller Rob Mundle this is the second book previously read his book on Captain James Cook

I was enthralled from chapter 1 and couldn't put it down, reading all day until finished. It totally changed my opinion of Bligh, he was not the tyrant the movies made him out to be. Rob Mundle writes in a very compelling way, easy to read and understand. A must read

.. once I started reading this excellent book by Rob Mundle, I could not put the book (iPad) down, every page gave a new aspect of William Bligh that has truly placed him in the annals of fame as one of the most prolific, adventurous, master mariners the world has seen. I thoroughly recommend this book including some of the reference books he acknowledges. Of note is *The Bounty: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty*

An interesting look at a man oftentimes mis-represented. Rob Mundle has examined 'the other side' of Bligh's personality to reveal a brilliant person. Great read for anyone interested in 'where and what we come-from'. Although this book spends minimal time on Bligh's Australian sojourn, it shows the character and fortitude of our early Governor.

An enlightening book about a genuine seafaring hero. As usual well written by Mundle who keeps

the narrative flowing. He details an extraordinary man and a more extraordinary life. A history that, together with Mundle's "Cook" and "Flinders" should be compulsory for anyone interested in the beginnings of Australia.

Very, very good. Rob Mundle is among my favourite authors and he seems to get better at each outing, although I suspect that he will eventually run out of subjects. Highly recommended for anyone who likes a story with a touch of salt to it.

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