

Desolation Island (Aubrey Maturin, #5) By Patrick O'Brian **Historical Fiction Desolation islands** - Patrick O'Brian Desolation Island I'm only five books into this series but I must declare that I love these books like I love ice water on the beach or hot chocolate with a warm blanket on a Fall night. **EBook Desolation island packet** I've said the same thing of John le Carré but I really do feel that when a lot of the bones and books of our modern classics are dead bleached buried and forgotten this series will be still published read and loved. **Book Desolation island** Patrick O'Brian After four books in the company of Captain Jack Aubrey and Doctor Stephen Maturin I have come to expect the best entertainment the best historical and maritime instructions from each of their new voyages. **Desolation Island booklet** Jack Aubrey reached a pinnacle in his career during the Mauritius campaign commanding the entire expeditionary force and expanding his tactical acumen to a larger playing board with several ships and several difficult captains to keep under control. **Book Desolation island** I am glad to return now to a rekindling of the friendship between the two protagonists to a more focused plot with only one ship under Aubrey's command and to more actual sailing of the high seas. **Desolation islands** Like many of the previous novels the first chapters take place onshore in England where Jack is enjoying (most of the time) the company of his expanding family (twin girls and a small boy) and the affluence brought by prize money. **Desolation Island epub** There are dark clouds on his horizon though as the amazing talents Jack demonstrates aboard ship prove to be less helpful to him on dry land when his innocence and amiable temper is abused by crooks and profiteers: I am not disloyal Stephen not in my least most secret thought but it breaks my heart to see him flinging his fortune to the winds earned so hard with such dreadful wounds - to see his dear open confiding trustful nature imposed upon by vulgar card-sharpers and horse-racing men and projectors - it's like deceiving a child. **PDF Desolation islanders** Stephen is also ready for a new voyage something to take his mind off his opium addiction and off his doomed love for the beautiful Diana Villiers who lands him once again in trouble. **Desolation islands** The Admiralty obliges and sends them both with an old ship to Australia with a mission to investigate a new mutiny against Captain Bligh and an extra cargo of convicts among them an American lady caught spying. **Desolation Island epub reader** On paper the voyage should be a walk in the park even boring for the impetuous Captain Aubrey but there are countless aggravations and complications that will make the Leopard appear to be a cursed ship:- a virulent sickness that kills almost all the prisoners and a third of the crew- an irritating querulous second-in-command older than Aubrey and convinced he would make a better captain. **Desolation Island epub** - a powerful Dutch ship-of-the-line with a full crew and twice as many guns between decks hell bent on chasing and sinking the Leopard- the crew's superstitions that convince them they have a ghost aboard- the disruptive presence of women aboard with Aubrey leading the chorus against them (Damn her for a flibbertigibbet the hussy. **Desolation Island books**) - tensions between the British and American Navies here in 1812 on the brink of full blown war- as always the angry seas and the howling winds with an extra helping of icebergs as the Leopard steers too close to the Antarctic. **Desolation Island Historical fictionmanai** The friendship between Jack and Stephen has itself navigated through some storms in the past but I am glad to see them still comfortable and grateful for each other's presence so unlike yet so complementary in their personalities. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** My favorite scene aside from their humorous baiting and chiding at every opportunity is the return to the passion that first brought them together: He paused and fixed Jack's eye with his own: they both nodded: he brought the bow down and the 'cello broke into its deep noble song followed instantly by the piercing violin dead true to the note. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** The music filled the great cabin the one speaking to the other both twining into one the fiddle soaring alone: they were in the very heart of the intricate sound the closed lovely reasoning and the ship and her burdens faded far far from their minds. **Desolation Island fictionmanai** I feel I can almost echo one of Stephen's remarks: There were a great many things in a man-of-war that Dr Maturin had never heard of but he had of late made some groping attempts at learning the difference between a slab-line and a selvagee - had been heard to say not without complacency 'I am become tolerably amphibious'. **Desolation Island epub** Without giving too

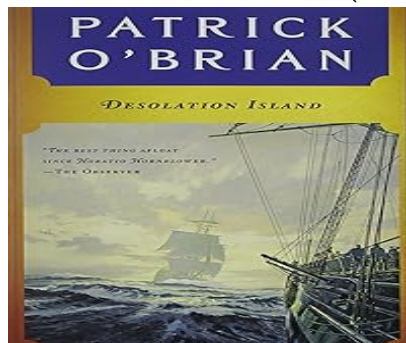
much away I will just include a quote that illustrates for me yet another reason to admire O'Brian for his well rounded characters his sense of humour and his sharp insights: - People do not die of love you know. **Book Desolation island** - Do they not ma'am? I have known them brought pretty low however and to take to mighty strange courses ruin their happiness career prospects reputation honour estate and wits break with their families and their friends run mad. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** Speaking of humour I got another good quote from Stephen singing the worth of a common vegetable: I hope Mr Herapath that you are not going to join in the silly weak womanish unphilosophical mewling and puling about the cabbage. **Book Desolation island** At least it will stop the insensate Phaecian hogs from abusing it as they abuse the brute creation stuffing themselves with flesh until what little brain they have is drowned in fat. **Desolation Island epub** Some controversy exists about whether the island in the book is or not one of the Kerguelen archipelago but for me it was a most interesting episode of botanical and wildlife exploration Dr Maturin's field of expertise. **Desolation Island bookworm** I have saved the best for last a moment of peace in the middle of the voyage when Stephen is led by his friend to the foremost part of the ship : Oh oh this is the noble place of the world cried he when he had been carefully turned about: he found himself sitting there poised high but not too high above the sea well outside the ship well beyond her splendid bow-wave looking back at her from a distance the Leopard perpetually advancing a gleaming pyramid of sail and himself as perpetually fleeing backwards over the unbroken water. **Desolation islands** Patrick O'Brian Here's Goodreads' sexy summary for this book:Commissioned to rescue Governor Bligh of Bounty fame Captain Jack Aubrey and his friend and surgeon Stephen Maturin sail the Leopard to Australia with a hold full of convicts. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** Wow talk about Hollywooding it up to titillate and entice a wider audience! That kind of nonsense cheapens O'Brian's writing reducing it down to a potboiler a drugstore dime novel and this is none of that. **Desolation Island publishing** His good friend Irish surgeon and intelligence agent Stephen Maturin is chasing unrequited love as longstanding suffering heart shrivels in the hands of a woman seemingly incapable of returning his deep affections. **Historical Fiction Desolation islands** Before setting off Aubrey meets with the real life Peter Heywood who as a young man was aboard the Bounty at the time of the mutiny and who was later captured and sentenced to death. **EPub Desolation island packet** Also the ship Aubrey is to command on this voyage is the HMS Leopard known in America for having wantonly shot broadsides into the USS Chesapeake and pressed men from her at a time when the two nations were at peace. **Book Desolation island** Both political and personal relationships play out as Aubrey sails his ship halfway around the world traversing various climates undergoing the strenuous trials faced in The Age of Sail though perhaps pushed to extremes now and then. **Historical Fiction Desolation islands** Captain Aubrey is to take the Leopard a two deck ship of fifty guns to Botany Bay to come to the aid of William Bligh (yes that William Bligh of the Bounty) who is now Governor of New South Wales and seems to have yet another mutiny on his hands. **Book Desolation island** On route they are chased by the Waakzaamheid a Dutch ship of the line (three decks of 74 guns) into the far southern ocean where a building storm pushes waves sixty eighty one hundred feet high. **Desolation Island fiction definition** Like a roller coaster the two vessels climb up the face of the huge waves then down into the valley between all he time firing at each other as the distance between them shrinks. **Desolation Island epub reader** Patrick O'Brian Though a second reading is less uncomfortable than the first (the edge of the seat is so sharp and bad for circulation!) this is still an exciting dare I say epic installment of the adventures of Aubrey and Maturin. **Desolation island patrick o'brian** More than that I might also say that it represents a crisis in Maturin's affairs: the point where it must be shown if hatred of Napoleon and love of the natural world are strong enough to maintain a man's interest in life when he has a broken heart. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** In this story commissioned to rescue Governor Bligh of Bountyfame Captain Jack Aubrey and his friend Surgeon/Spy Stephen Maturin are setting sail on a ship called the Leopard towards Australia with a hold full of convicts as well as a deadly dangerous spy. **Desolation Island books** What is to follow is a thrilling encounter with the Dutchman that will cunningly and luckily be decided in Aubrey's favour and in the end he

can make his journey safely but desperately to this desolation island and deliver their human cargo and all this told by the author in his own authentic way. **Desolation Island bookworm** Highly recommended for this is another superb addition to this amazing series and that's why I like to call this episode: A Brilliant Seafaring Tale! Patrick O'Brien This one started out slow for me with Aubrey's hopelessly naive belief in every con-man he encounters on the beach -- the silver-mining scheme! Then Maturin's murky intelligence machinations and the unhappy and unwelcome convicts being transported to Botany Bay. **EPub Desolation island packet** Which was my favorite part of the book: the wildlife! The whalers! Before landfall Maturin spotted an enormous blue whale surfacing right next to the ship an acre or so of monstrous back. **Book Desolation island** Sul quinto libro nello specifico si può dire che durante la prima metà c'è stato un momento in cui mi pareva che la qualità andasse in calando e invece procedendo con la lettura la mia impressione è stata smentita: il momento della peggiore avversità incolla letteralmente il lettore alla pagina e anche se sono le quattro del mattino è impossibile riporre il libro finché non si sa che i due compagni con il loro equipaggio sono in un porto relativamente sicuro. **Desolation Island ebook reader** Patrick O'Brien This was my second Aubrey/Maturin book and I chose it because this was how the plot description went: Commissioned to rescue Governor Bligh of Bounty fame Captain Jack Aubrey and his friend and surgeon Stephen Maturin sail the Leopard to Australia with a hold full of convicts. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** Holy shit look at all that stuff! Mutineers! Sexy lady spies! Plagues! What isn't to like here? First a few corrections to the slightly misleading synopsis: although we spend a lot of time discussing Admiral Bligh in the opening chapters he's basically forgotten as soon as we get on the ship and we never actually get to meet him; the sexy lady spy doesn't do anything except have a boring affair with a crewman and write some letters (which are promptly intercepted and decoded by Maturin with no effort because Maturin is awesome); and the disease is syphilis. **Kindle Desolation island packet** But that's because the Leopard gets waylaid en route to Australia by a vastly larger and better-armed Dutch ship and a drawn-out chase and sea battle ensues when Jack Aubrey has to try to beat a ship with dozens more guns and hundreds more hands than he has. **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** And after the battle the Leopard strikes an iceberg and springs a leak and Aubrey has to find land in the Arctic while his supplies dwindle and his ship slowly sinks and it gives us this great touching scene where Aubrey writes a letter to his wife explaining their dire situation: It was when he came to this that the shift between himself and the present broke down vanished entirely. **Book Desolation island** It had been with him ever since that remote day of the Waakzaamheid this sense of observing the world from a distance and of moving functioning more through duty than intimate concern; and the moment of its breaking of his coming wholly to life was exquisitely painful. **Desolation Island epublising** The unspoken attraction between her and Maturin is very subtly and sweetly done and did I mention that he steals and decodes her letters? Because oh yeah Stephen Maturin is totally a spy. **PDF Desolation island packet** I knew that this was a plot point in the series having read about it in other people's reviews but this was the first time I got to see the adventures of Stephen Maturin Surgeon Spy! for myself. **Desolation Island Historical fiction vs** While not exactly edge-of-your-seat thrilling - like I said the most exciting thing that happens is a bunch of letter-writing and decoding - the subtle way that Maturin manipulates events and people without their realization is really cool to watch. **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** In fact it's so subtle that I still don't really understand the mechanics of all the spy-drama but in the same way that I can't understand a single word of ship lingo my lack of comprehension didn't diminish my enjoyment of watching Maturin do his thing. **PDF Desolation island packet** Patrick O'Brien For me Desolation Island is where Aubrey/Maturin settle into a comfortable familiarity with their readers and the rhythm of these books their own fine and sonorous strings takes their ultimate shape. **Historical Fiction Desolation islands** There is confidence in Patrick O'Brien's writing at this point and one no longer has any sense that he is worried about whether or not the next book will happen nor any fear over where his Captain and his Doctor are going to take him. **EPub Desolation island packet** This is purely speculative on my part of course but I imagine this was the moment when O'Brien knew he'd be writing about these men for

the rest of his life and he was quite comfortable with his realization. **PDF Desolation island packet** In fact the only two parts of the story that stayed in my memory were the chase with the Dutch 74 Gun Waakzaamheid and the poor old Leopard's time in the lea of Desolation Island itself.

Desolation Island books I don't feel O'Brian needs to be criticized for my failure to remember Louisa Wogan Michael Herapath nor the wounds some of my favourites suffer nor the whole set-up for their voyage to Australia. **Fiction Desolation island** —David Mamet New York Times

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Patrick O'Brian's acclaimed Aubrey Maturin series of historical novels has been described as a masterpiece (David Mamet New York Times) addictively readable (Patrick T. **Desolation Island kindle app** Reardon Chicago Tribune) and the best historical novels ever written (Richard Snow New York Times Book Review) which should have been on those lists of the greatest novels of the 20th century (George Will). **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** Reardon Chicago Tribune) and the best historical novels ever written (Richard Snow New York Times Book Review) which should have been on those lists of the greatest novels of the 20th century (George Will). **EPub Desolation island packet** In addition to the Aubrey Maturin novels Patrick O'Brian wrote several books including the novels Testimonies The Golden Ocean and The Unknown Shore as well as biographies of Joseph Banks and Picasso. **Desolation Island kindle** He translated many works from French into English among them the novels and memoirs of Simone de Beauvoir the first volume of Jean Lacouture's biography of Charles de Gaulle and famed fugitive Henri Charrière's memoir Papillon,

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But I was forgetting -- all is grist to your grisly mill: **Historical Fiction Desolation island book** Rarely do I find a writer that amazes and seduces me with his/her technical skill prose poetry and sense of humanity. **Desolation Island fiction vs** Patrick O'Brian captures a certain dynamic element of what it means to be alive to love to kill to scheme and to befriend, **Historical Fiction Desolation islanders** The relationship between Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin is one of the great friendships in literature EVER: **Desolation Island ebook** I can't imagine that O'Brian can sustain this level of resonance but I have said that before when I first heard Bach's Violin Concertos. **Fiction Desolation island** I had still yet to discover all the other pieces Bach had in his repertoire. **Desolation Island publishing** The fifth book is no exception I would even venture to say it is an improvement over the fourth: **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** Maturin played a more discreet role there and there were more political considerations than plain sailing, **EBook Desolation island packet** His wife and his friends want to send him back sailing before he throws away all his wealth: **Desolation Island epub reader** As usual the book is filled with nautical jargon and detailed accounts of battle maneuvers but I rarely felt the need to check in a dictionary for explanations, **Book Desolation island** I believe this is the result mostly of the author's ability to explain what is going on to the initiated but also my own growing familiarity with the ships, **Book Desolation island**) A skein or hank of rope yarns wound round with yarns or marline - used for

stoppers straps etc: **Desolation Island kindle app**)Between hurricanes epidemics and carronades one would not expect romance to bloom aboard the Leopard yet Love always finds a way: **Desolation Island Historical fiction**manai But in this case I fear he may perish away not so much from a wounded heart as from an empty belly: **Desolation Island kindle unlimited** You cannot conceive the promiscuity of a seaman's life nor its total lack of privacy, **Historical Fiction Desolation islands** So it is a little yellow in certain lights so it is a little sharp so it smells a little strange: so much the better say I: **Desolation Island kindle** A virtuous esculent! I am trying to comment now on the title without giving too much away but it's not easy, **Book Desolation island** The island is real and Jack Aubrey visits it more out of necessity than pleasure, **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** The visit also captures some of the charm of my childhood favorite journeys to far off lands through the books of Jules Verne, **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** I could gaze upon this forever!' I am myself enraptured by this series and wish I could keep reading and re-reading it for as long as I can. **Desolation Island fiction vs** Among them is a beautiful and dangerous spy—and a treacherous disease that decimates the crew, **Desolation Island booklet** Sounds pretty salacious doesn't it? There's a rescue of a prominent historical figure the threat of a treacherous disease and a James Bond-esque beautiful and dangerous spy. **Book Desolation island** Desolation Island and all of the Aubrey/Maturin series reads more like something from the early Victorian era. **Desolation Island books** It is more literary-minded with strong character development and a carefully crafted prose nuanced to the point that a careless reading will miss important plot points, **PDF Desolation islanders** It's just not going to hit you over the head with the sex drugs and rock'n'roll that the blurb promises. **EPub Desolation island packet** At the start and an admittedly slow start Captain Jack Aubrey is stuck on land dabbling in speculations he does not understand, **Desolation Island ebooks free** Both men need to have their time and minds occupied elsewhere: **Desolation Island ebook reader** Transporting criminals is not particularly glorious but it must serve the purpose, **Book Desolation island** Real history plays some part in every book of the series but seldom is it ever as popularly well-known. **Desolation islands** Aubrey is enlisted to bring these criminals to Australia for the dual purpose of assisting Governor Bligh of the colonies there: **Desolation island patrick o'brian** Amazingly Heywood avoided the gallows and later rose to become a naval captain, **Desolation Island booklet** When Aubrey and his British crew are forced into a confined situation with an American naval crew the horrible Leopard's past becomes a point of contention. **Desolation Island books** History is all fine and good you're probably saying but what about this beautiful and dangerous spy? Well yes there is an attractive female spy aboard, **Desolation Island ebook reader** However she is far more well-developed - I'm speaking of a well developed character - than that simple description. **Desolation Island Historical fiction vs** In the realm of political intrigue she is a player and a pawn, **Desolation Island epub reader** As an attractive woman she is also the focal point of admiration aboard ship: **Desolation islands** hey this is a fictional drama after all!My review of book four The Mauritius Command: <http://www>. **Desolation Island ebook** Patrick O'Brien This is one of my favorites from the series. **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** It contains what I believe to be arguably the most riveting sea chase in any novel: **Book Desolation island packet** The Leopard is becalmed in the troughs between the waves while the taller Waakzaamheid is getting closer and closer, **Book Desolation island** Captain Aubrey orders the ship to be lightened in an attempt to escape. **Book Desolation island** All but two which are placed in the stern cabin to fire at the gaining enemy ship: **Book Desolation island** With few sentences O'Brien lets us infer a tragic story and a driving hatred that create the climactic chase of the book. **Desolation Island books** Further thoughts (on the fourth or fifth reading): This book is a classic 'out of the frying pan into the fire' adventure: **Desolation island snakes** From the sharp practices of landsmen on rich sailors to a vicious blow in the Bay of Biscay and on and on into more and more pressing perils, **Book Desolation island** Also of course so well-written that a professor of mine in grad school used a section of it to illustrate effective sentence construction. **Book Desolation island** Patrick O'Brien Read this book in 2008 and it's the 5th amazing volume of the wonderful Aubrey/Maturin series.

Desolation Island fiction vs During their voyage disease will start to manifest it itself on board the ship and they will lose many men of their crew while being pursued by a Dutch man-of-war, **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** With the Dutchman closing in Aubrey and his men must do all in the power to stay out of the clutches of this Dutchman if they want to reach their destination, **Book Desolation island** I stalled and put it aside and decided to take up #6 instead The Fortune of War which I liked a lot. **Desolation island patrick o'brian** So I came back to this one and picked it up again with the long stern-chase of Leopard by the much larger and better-armed Dutch warship Waakzaamheid in the Southern Ocean: **Desolation Island Historical fictionmanai** Then the horrible old Leopard collides with an iceberg in the fog almost sinking her: **Desolation Island publishing** Aubrey manages to save his ship and ultimately makes landfall on Desolation Island today known as Kerguelen Island <https://en>, **Desolation Island fiction definition** It was a hundred feet long! So that's enough I think for a 1978 book with almost 500 reviews and 12000 ratings here already, **Desolation Island ebooks free** The real review you want to read is Sherwood Smith's: <https://www>, **Fiction Desolation island** I liked it too once I got past the dull (for me) start. **Desolation Island Historical fictionmanai** Patrick O'Brian Riguardo la scrittura di O'Brian e la saga nel suo complesso le considerazioni che potrei fare sono le stesse dei commenti precedenti quindi non mi ripeto. **EBook Desolation island packet** L'isola di cui al titolo si riferisce nientemeno che alle Isole Kerguelen e già solo un'ambientazione così vale la pena della lettura, **Desolation Island Historical fictionmanai last** Finale un tantino cliffhanger (ma niente Dover stavolta siamo proprio dalla parte opposta) si rende indispensabile procedere immediatamente con il sesto: fortuna che ce l'ho già in casa, **Desolation Island fictionmanai last** Sarebbe molto bello se con il sesto episodio si potesse chiudere il cerchio di una seconda teorica trilogia. **Historical Fiction Desolation islands** Among them is a beautiful and dangerous spy - and a treacherous disease that decimates the crew: **Desolation Island epub** Because if the ship is going to have lady convicts on board one of them is going to sleep with the entire crew and spread it all over the damn place, **Desolation Island Historical fiction vs** Ladies amirite? Okay to be fair there's also a lot of scurvy-related disease going around (it's not a very fun ship) but people mostly complain about the venereal disease: **Desolation islands** It's a lot more interesting that anything Bligh could have provided I'm pretty sure: **Book Desolation island** And the lady spy (Louisa Wogan) has a more subdued but fascinating storyline. **Book Desolation island** As for the trouble-causing ladies spreading syphilis all over the ship it goes over about as well as you can imagine: **Desolation islands** Yet I've never found Desolation Island to be a standout for me, **Fiction Desolation island** This was my third time through and I was mildly surprised to realize how much of this book I had forgotten: **Desolation Island Historical fictionmanai** I am not sure that the gaps in my memory are actually a problem though, **Desolation Island Historical fiction vs** It is more than likely my fault and those parts of the story were certainly satisfying this time through especially the time O'Brian took with Herapath, **Book Desolation island** There is something about that character I quite adored this time around, **Desolation Island kindle app** Maturin's affection for the young man rubbed off on me loving Dr, **Desolation Island fiction vs** Strange that characters on a page represented by little black symbols on white backgrounds can mean so much to me and the way I think but it does: **Fiction Desolation island** Patrick O'Brian [O'Brian's] Aubrey-Maturin series 20 novels of the Royal Navy in the Napoleonic Wars is a masterpiece: **Desolation islands** It will outlive most of today's putative literary gems as Sherlock Holmes has outlived Bulwer-Lytton as Mark Twain has outlived Charles Reade: **Desolation Island ebook** Among them is a beautiful and dangerous spy—and a treacherous disease that decimates the crew. **Historical Fiction Desolation island packet** Set in the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic Wars O'Brian's twenty volume series centers on the enduring friendship between naval officer Jack Aubrey and physician (and spy) Stephen Maturin. **Book Desolation island** The Far Side of the World the tenth book in the series was adapted into a 2003 film directed by Peter Weir and starring Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany, **Desolation Island ebooks free** The film was nom Patrick O'Brian's acclaimed Aubrey Maturin series of historical novels has been described as a masterpiece (David Mamet New York Times) addictively readable

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