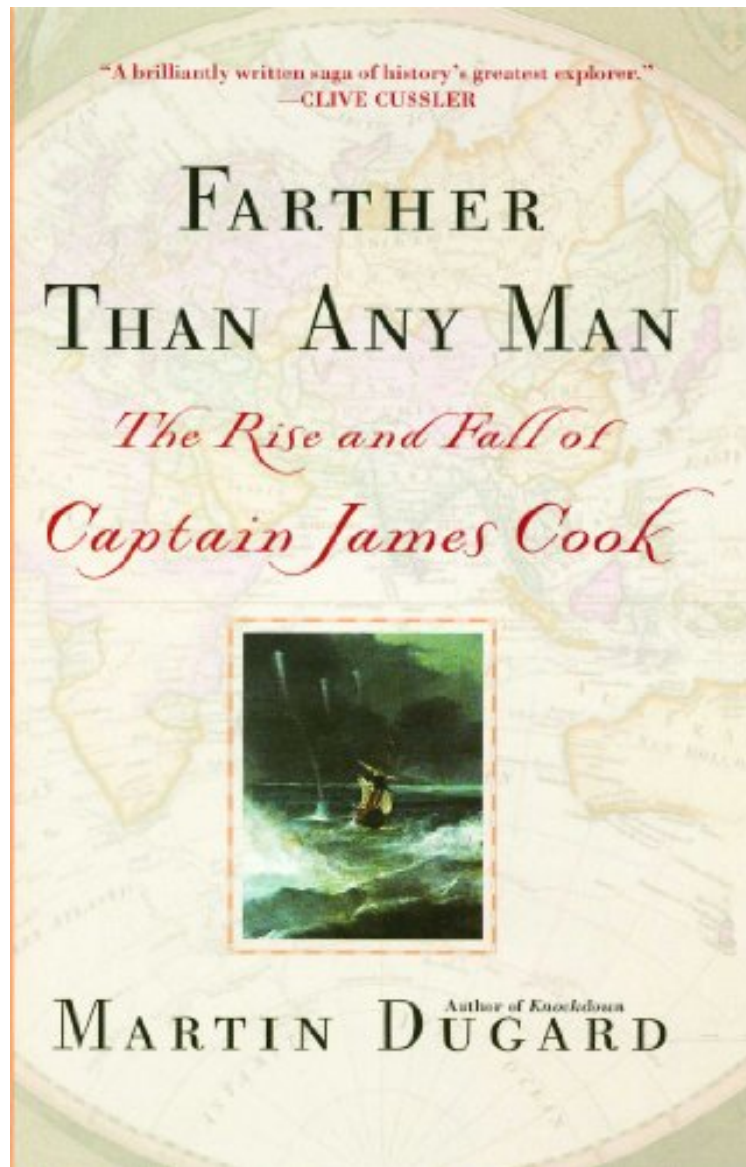


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writes in a style that compels the reader to keep on page turning. His research is extensive, details are provided without becoming overwhelming. The reader feels the voyage unfolding as he reads. Great read, I learned many new things about Captain Cook, but more important the details of the way of life that existed in that era for the sea going leader was fascinating. I highly recommend this book to anyone that has curiosity about what motivates an explorer. No GPS, or communication ... wow all alone in the vast expanse of the oceans.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Easy to read account of an amazing man.By Margaret W DavisGood overview of the life of an amazing man. We just completed a cruise from Sydney to Hawaii, stopping off in New Zealand, Tahiti, Morea, and Bora Bora. Captain Cook's legacy was everywhere and made me want to learn more about the man. This book gave a good overview for the casual reader. I thought details of the third voyage were light compared to the first two and I would have liked some historical pictures of the principal characters plus better maps.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ExcellentBy B. SmithWell written and fascinating story of Cook, about whom I knew little before. It details his three major journeys as well as his background and personality as it changed over time.

In the annals of seafaring and exploration, there is one name that immediately evokes visions of the open ocean, billowing sails, visiting strange, exotic lands previously uncharted, and civilizations never before encountered -- Captain James Cook. This is the true story of a legendary man and explorer. Noted modern-day adventurer Martin Dugard, using James Cook's personal journals, strips away the myths surrounding Cook's life and portrays his tremendous ambition, intellect, and sheer hardheadedness to rise through the ranks of the Royal Navy -- and by his courageous exploits become one of the most enduring figures in naval history. Full of realistic action, lush descriptions of places and events, and fascinating historical characters such as King George III and the soon-to-be-notorious Master William Bligh, Dugard's gripping account of the life and death of Captain James Cook is a thrilling story of a discoverer hell-bent on going farther than any man.

From Publishers WeeklyIn a strong effort "to clear away the tangle of myth and hero-worship" that surrounds his subject, Dugard (*Knockdown: The Harrowing True Account of a Yacht Race Turned Deadly*), a well-known adventurer himself, deftly recounts the exciting story of James Cook, a farm boy from northern England who at first worked on merchant ships and then, when offered a chance to captain his own ship, turned his employer down and joined the Royal Navy. Cook started at the bottom and worked his way up, but knew he was not from the right social class to advance to captain. However, others recognized his talents: Cook was the first noncommissioned Royal Navy officer to be appointed to command a vessel. His trek with the *Endeavour* which began in 1768 and circumnavigated the globe, charted the coasts of New Zealand, scouted numerous Pacific isles and retrieved botanist Joseph Banks (who grew to respect Cook after trying to steal command of his ship) brought Cook international fame. Dugard recounts Cook's four-year voyage with the *Resolution*, which also sailed around the world while trying to locate the coasts of the legendary Southern Continent (Antarctica). By the end of this voyage, Dugard contends, Cook's ego had begun to get in the way of his talent. Thereafter, Cook began to make errors and became tyrannical at sea. This character change ultimately cost Cook his life when he was slain by Hawaiian natives. Well researched, with information from Cook's own journals, this fast-paced book brings to life the English explorer driven to outclass his predecessors and contemporaries. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalLike Pizarro and Cortez, Capt. James Cook changed history by discovering unknown lands and opening them up to European settlement. Born to a farming family in 1729, Cook longed for a career at sea, apprenticed himself to a shipping company, and after nine years rose to the rank of captain in the merchant marine. On the verge of a profitable career, he resigned to enlist in the Royal Navy and soon became an officer an improbable feat in the 18th century. After service in Canada in the French and Indian War, he was given command of a survey ship and spent time charting eastern Canada. Later, he commanded three epic voyages to the South Pacific, in 1769, 1772, and 1776, discovering Tahiti, New Zealand, Tonga, New Caledonia, and many other islands. In 1779, he arrived at the Kona coast of the big island of Hawaii, where hostile natives killed, steamed, and ate him. There are few exemplary biographies of Cook, and Dugard has written a masterly one-volume account of the great explorer's life. It belongs in all public and academic libraries. Stanley L. Itkin, Hillside P.L., New Hyde Park, NY Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistThis stirring chronicle charts the course of the life and times of renowned explorer, navigator, scientist, and cartographer Captain James Cook. Famous for three painstakingly planned and executed naval expeditions in the latter half of the eighteenth century, Cook discovered the eastern coast of Australia and the Hawaiian Islands. In addition he also explored the great ice mass of Antarctica and accurately mapped the vast Pacific Ocean. Perhaps even more startling was the fact that Cook, a stickler for proper health and nutrition, managed to accomplish impressive feats of exploration with surprisingly few mortalities recorded among his crews. Despite his brilliant string of successes, Cook eventually lost his love of adventure and suffered a brutal, premature death in Hawaii. Employing Cook's personal journals as the foundation for his research, Dugard paints an intriguing portrait of an extraordinary man. Margaret FlanaganCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved