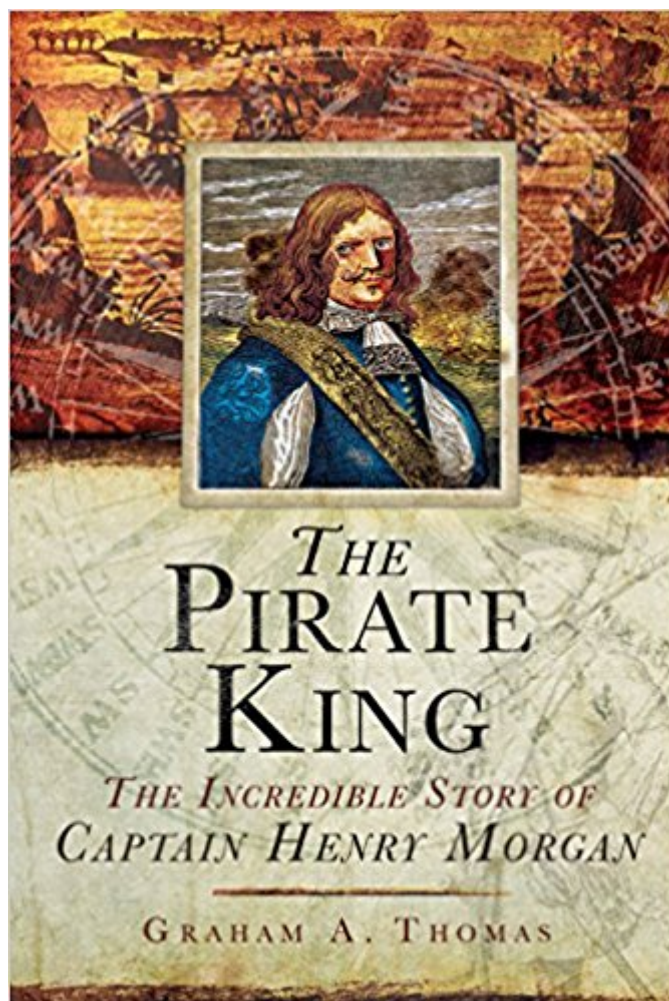


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The Pirate King: The Incredible Story Of The Real Captain Morgan



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A compelling new account of history's most famous pirate. The Pirate King is the compelling true story of a Welshman who became one of the most ruthless and brutal buccaneers of the golden age of piracy. The inspiration for dozens of fictionalized pirates in film, television, and literature; as well the namesake of one of the world's most popular rum brands; Captain Sir Henry Morgan was matchless among pirates and privateers. Unlike most of his contemporaries, he was not hunted down and killed or captured by the authorities. Instead he was considered a hero in England and given a knighthood and eventually was made governor of Jamaica. As Graham Thomas reveals in this fresh biography of this complex and intriguing character, Morgan was an exceptional military leader whose prime motivation was to amass as much wealth as he could by sacking and plundering settlements, towns, and cities up and down the Spanish Main. Featuring graphic accounts of Morgan's exploits, eventually leading to an unparalleled rise to power and legitimacy, The Pirate King is a riveting read sure to become a key text in pirate literature. Thomas dispels myths and separates fact from fiction as he presents an intriguing new portrait of one of history's most compelling figures. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Too slow moving

"Henry Morgan was a PRIVATEER King, under British Government license, who led the Buccaneers. HE WAS NOT A PIRATE. Buccaneers are not Pirates and Pirates are not Buccaneers, and I am forever frustrated at historians who constantly mislead the public on this serious fact. Buccaneers were French naval sailors who were abandoned by their captains on Hispaniola's Tortuga island, who learned how to make and sell smoked meat on a BBQ device made of plants called a "Boucan" (hence the user of a Boucan is a Boucanier or Buccanneer). When the Columbus Family (who owned and controlled Jamaica) and the Jewish Community (who built Port Royal) petitioned the King of England for protection against the Spanish in exchange for possession of their island, the king sent them Henry Morgan, who gathered the "Buccaneers" and launched a decades long major offensive against Spanish terrorism in the Caribbean and "Spanish Main". These were NOT pirates, they were hired guns of the British Empire. Their era came to an end in the late 1680s. It was upon the collapse of the Buccaneer Era that the Gold Age of Piracy began, when people of every race, religion, social class, creed, gender and sexual orientation, rose up and declared that their Rights came from Nature, not the king, that they were born sovereign, and that they would no longer tolerate the monarch and nobility and corporations which deprived everyone of their rights and kept everyone poor. The pirates formed the world's first fully functioning Constitutional Republics (NOT DEMOCRACIES) on their ships, which would later be adopted by the founders of the United States. They served no monarch but declared all monarchs to be illegitimate.

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