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**H M (intro by Christopher Morley) Tomlinson : The Sea and the Jungle** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sea and the Jungle:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A mixed bag at bestBy R. E. StathamI can't make my mind up about this book. It has some illuminating details about living and working on a steamer, as well as details about the 100 years ago-- but the author, a newspaperman who had visions of being another Thoreau I think-- can go on... and on.... and on.... and on.... about nothing.The author worked for one of the London newspapers in the early 20th century, and he was offered an opportunity to sign on as a ship's purser for one shilling per month for a 5-6 month trip to the by cargo steamer, in order to report things to his paper (and I suppose, to be able to write this book). The gaps can drive you batty-- he simply omits key facts as it suits him. Arrrrg.Sometimes it's worth it for the details and descriptions of people-- like the character than uses 5 sticks of dynamite to "fish" a section of the river- (!)... but then other times it's like reading the book of Numbers in the Bible. . And other times I sat there scratching my head.Hate to say it, but now I know why Tomlinson isn't listed as one of the greats. Perhaps we should list him as one of the "pretty good at times"?0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... of this book and I thought that it was great. It was entertaining to let the imagination flow ...By Texas readerI read the Kindle version of this book and I thought that it was great. It was entertaining to let the imagination flow while reading Tomlinson's descriptions of life aboard a tramp steamer and traveling the and a tributary near the turn of the last century. Tomlinson had an eye for detail that made the book come to life for me. Though Tomlinson attempted accuracy when describing most of what he saw, he was whimsical at times as well, such as when he is describing anacondas, "...that fellow is forty feet long in his legend, but

spoils a good story through reducing himself by half when he is actually killed. Still, twenty feet of stout snake is enough for trouble." I definitely recommend this book, his defining work. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great story and great writing By william e browning I found this title noted in recent biography of Rachel Carson, "On a Farther Shore," by william Souder. "The Sea and the Jungle" was a favorite of Carson's. Since I am planning a trip down the Rio Negro in Brazil, I decided to get a copy of Tomlinson's book, detailing his circa 1910 trip from Wales down the and Maderia River, 3000 miles to Puerto Velho, near the Brazil-Bolivian border. Tomlinson's ship, a 300 foot cargo vessel was the first to successfully undertake the passage. It's a great story and his writing flows like the great river itself.

The Sea and the Jungle by Henry M. Tomlinson takes place in 1909 when Henry sets sail on an ocean voyage aboard the Capella, an English Steamer. This is an account of his voyage across the Amazon River, the Madeira, and Para on the Brazilian Coast. He encounters jungle villages, exotic plants that grow in the region, and many types of bothersome pests. The stories of Henry's adventures are as funny as they are interesting and exciting. This is a witty, light-hearted adventure story.