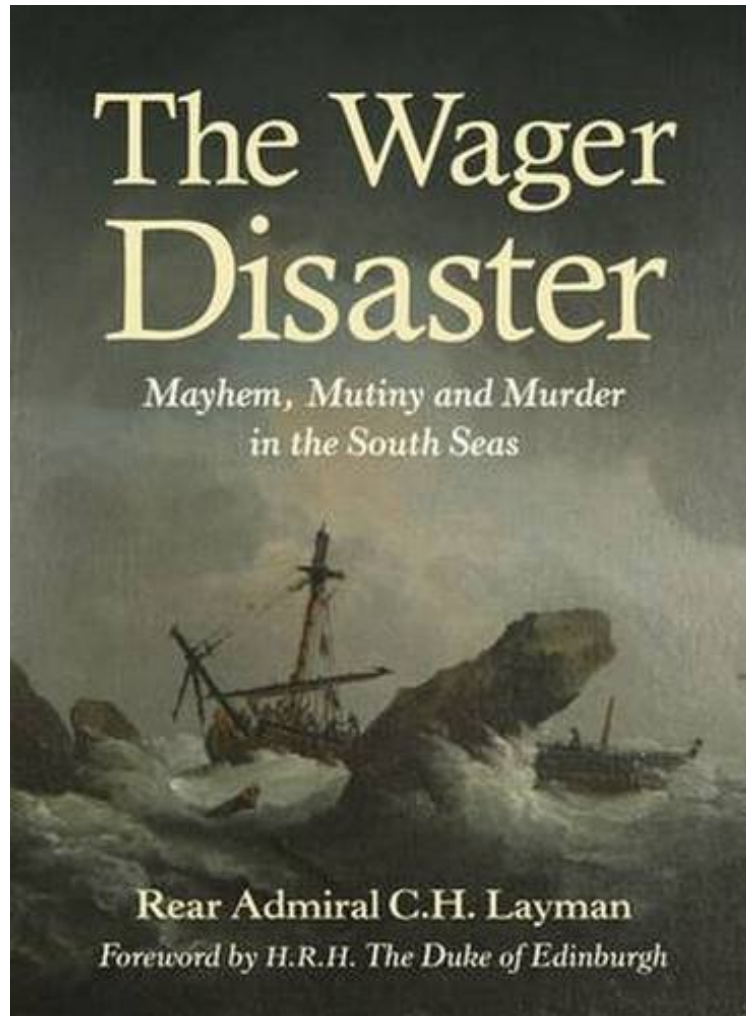


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won't spoil it for you There were other books written on the disaster-C.H Layman's being the latest, and most detailed. It described the war in Spain too and the involvement With the British with vividity, and tell the persons of this affair. Well - just one of a kind book and again most detailed of all about the Wager. 5 stars!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Epic account of human survival By scott Having read many of the epic survival narratives such as the Shackleton Expedition or the whaling ship Essex, this rates higher on the extremes of human survival. The sea journey of the mutinous crew, as noted, was much longer than others and just as perilous. What really sets this book apart is the numerous first person accounts of the details that survived in part due to the resulting inquiry by the British Navy. This also presents the hardest part of the book - deciphering the old english.

In 1741, the British warship HMS Wager crashed on the shore of an uninhabited island off the coast of Chilean Patagonia. One hundred and forty men reached land. Only thirty-six made it back home. The "Wager" Disaster is the extraordinary story of human endurance and the perseverance of those soldiers in the face of unthinkable adversity. Britain and Spain were at war, and the Wager was part of a small British squadron sent to extend the battle to their Spanish possessions in the South Seas. Unfortunately, there were no accurate charts of the west coast of South America, and much of the navigation was determined by guesswork. Vicious hurricane-force winds wrecked the Wager, separating it from the squadron. Starvation, exhaustion, hypothermia, and drowning quickly claimed most of the soldiers who survived the wreck. The rest rose up against the unpopular captain and set off in an open boat with no chart, resulting in one of the greatest survival voyages as the castaways made their way 2,500 nautical miles back to Britain. Drawing on the firsthand accounts of the survivors, The "Wager" Disaster tells the compelling story of a dramatic fight for survival under extreme conditions.

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