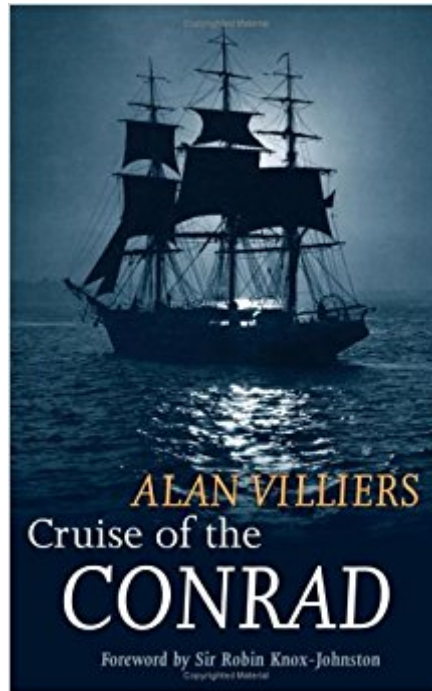




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Synopsis

Cruise of the Conrad, a best seller in 1937, is the journal of a voyage round the world in the fully-rigged ship JOSEPH CONRAD, 212 tons, in the years 1934, 1935 and 1936 by way of Good Hope, the South Sea, ahead of the Roaring Forties to the East Indies, on to Singapore, driven by the South East Monsoon and north about Australia and New Zealand, finally rounding Cape Horn before returning home after two years. Alan Villiers was well qualified for the venture after rounding Cape Horn six times in grain ships and serving in whaling barques in the Tasman Sea. He took with him a heterogeneous collection of mariners and schoolboys, 32 all told. He was a fair and egalitarian Master and looked after the interest of his crew. The voyage of the JOSEPH CONRAD is the truthful story of a great voyage, packed with adventure, how they were blown on the Brooklyn Rocks in a blizzard, the near loss of the vessel on Wari reef and overall the joy of a fine ship with a possible 10,000 square feet of sail to challenge the elements. JOSEPH CONRAD is now preserved in the Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut.

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This book will take you back to the end of the sailing era, with a story of the around the world voyage of the 212-ton ship JOSEPH CONRAD. The original edition of this book was published in 1937, and it is just as entertaining, and a lot more informative in today's world of automatic pilots and super-tankers. Go back to the real days of sail with this well written account of a world voyage. (Latitudes & Attitudes) In any day or age, Australian-born Alan Villiers would have been a remarkable man. Before he died in 1982, he had crammed all manner of adventures and

achievements into his life, written more books than most sailors make ocean crossings, and fulfilled perhaps his greatest ambition, to find, equip and sail a full rigged ship around the world.[reading this] I felt as though I already knew the man who would lead his band of sailors and his sturdy ship on an extraordinary journey, packed with adventure, near disasters, and triumphs. It is a fine read, and there are interesting maps (line drawings), old photographs, and plans of the ship to complement the text. (Sailing)

Reissue of a classic. Vivid account of life on a tall ship. Evidence of great experience and expertise. Newly added biography of the author.

This is a book for sailors who hate starting the engine for any but the most dire reason and who can appreciate a guy of limited means who bought a square rigger, rather than a much more practical brigantine (like Irving and Exy Johnson sailed) or other fore-and-aft rigged vessel, purely for the love of square sails. It's a detailed description of the route, so keep a good atlas nearby. Villiers is an excellent writer, and this book is not entirely about circumnavigating on one of the last of the full-riggers. His description of 1930's Papeete (pages 328-334) would be a delight for anyone mildly interested in Tahiti. Appendices include description and diagrams of the ship, excerpts from the log, crew members' names, and a glossary.

This is an outstanding account of an epic voyage. It is from a time before World War II, so it is something of a time capsule. I am so glad I bought this book. I will be sure to buy more of Villiers' works. This is well-worth your time and money.

The Joseph Conrad now resides at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. If you're into the lore of the sea, this is a great tale. Knowing the adversity that this ship and crew endured makes this ship and Mystic Seaport even more interesting. This is a classic!

Great book!

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