

*Marooned: Being a Narrative of the Sufferings and Adventures of Captain Charles H. Barnard.* Edited, with an introduction by BERTHA S. DODGE. (Middletown, Connecticut: Wesleyan University Press, 1979. Pp. xiv, 263. Foreword, introduction, preface, appendixes, bibliography, index. \$14.95.)

Sea adventures have had a special appeal for centuries, and this one by Charles H. Barnard, a New York sealing captain, is no different. In 1812, Barnard sailed from New York in the Pittsburgh-built brig *Nanina* on a planned three-year cruise to the Falkland Islands. After a year of successful seal hunting in the archipelago, during which he learned that war had broken out between the United States and Great Britain, Barnard had the misfortune to discover and rescue the survivors of an English merchantman driven ashore and wrecked on one of the islands. While Barnard was absent searching for provisions, the shipwrecked passengers and crew, led by a notorious English nobleman and backed by Barzillai Pease, a mutinous member of Barnard's crew, forced *Nanina* to sail from the islands, leaving Barnard and four others stranded. Barnard's account of two years of survival in the isolated, barren islands is a story of remarkable courage and fortitude. His ship, meanwhile, was taken by a British man-of-war and condemned in a London prize court.

Barnard published his *Narrative* in 1829 in part to set the record straight and rebut statements previously published by Pease about the incident. Bertha Dodge learned of Barnard and his ordeal in an account of a later voyage to the Falklands written by James Weddell and determined to uncover more about Barnard and his life. Because copies of his *Narrative* were hard to find, she determined to have it printed along with Barzillai Pease's manuscript journal and related documents in this volume. Dodge's introduction, though perhaps overlong, supplies the necessary historical context to Barnard's voyage and fleshes out the main characters encountered in the *Narrative*. Her research has been exhaustive, including manuscript repositories in this country and England. Both she and Wesleyan University Press should be commended for making this rare and valuable account available at reasonable cost.

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