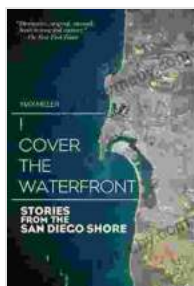


# Cover the Waterfront: A Literary Voyage through the History of Waterfront Writing

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In *Cover the Waterfront*, acclaimed author and sailor John MacInnes takes readers on a captivating journey through the history of waterfront writing, from its origins in ancient Greece to its modern-day manifestations. Along the way, he introduces us to a cast of unforgettable characters, from Odysseus to Ahab to Marlow, and explores the ways in which our relationship with the sea has been reflected in literature.

Whether you are a seasoned sailor or a landlubber who has always dreamed of setting sail, *Cover the Waterfront* is a must-read. It is a book

that will transport you to another world, and leave you with a new appreciation for the beauty and power of the sea.

## **From Homer to Hemingway: A History of Waterfront Writing**

The history of waterfront writing is long and storied, dating back to the earliest days of recorded literature. In ancient Greece, Homer's *Odyssey* tells the tale of Odysseus, a cunning and resourceful sailor who endures a perilous journey home from the Trojan War.

In the Middle Ages, the waterfront was often seen as a place of danger and mystery. In his poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, Samuel Taylor Coleridge tells the story of a sailor who is cursed after killing an albatross. The mariner's ship is then beset by a series of misfortunes, and he is forced to wander the earth, telling his tale to anyone who will listen.

In the 19th century, the waterfront became a popular setting for adventure stories. Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick* tells the story of Captain Ahab, a monomaniacal whaler who pursues the great white whale, Moby Dick, to his own destruction.

In the 20th century, the waterfront continued to be a popular setting for literature, but it also became a place of social and political change. Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* explores the horrors of colonialism, while Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* tells the story of an aging fisherman's struggle to catch a giant marlin.

## **The Waterfront in Modern Literature**

In recent decades, the waterfront has continued to be a popular setting for literature. Contemporary writers such as Salman Rushdie, Amitav Ghosh,

and Colson Whitehead have all written novels that explore the complex relationship between humans and the sea.

Rushdie's *Midnight's Children* tells the story of Saleem Sinai, a boy who is born at the stroke of midnight on the day of India's independence. Saleem is endowed with a magical gift, and he is able to experience the lives of all the other children who were born at the same time. In one of the novel's most memorable scenes, Saleem and his friends swim across the Arabian Sea to Pakistan.

Ghosh's *Sea of Poppies* tells the story of a group of Indian sailors who are forced to work on a British opium ship. The novel explores the horrors of the opium trade, and the ways in which it devastated the lives of ordinary Indians.

Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad* tells the story of Cora, a young slave who escapes from a plantation in Georgia. Cora travels north on the Underground Railroad, a network of secret routes and safe houses that helped slaves escape to freedom. In one of the novel's most harrowing scenes, Cora and her fellow slaves are forced to cross the Ohio River in a leaky boat.

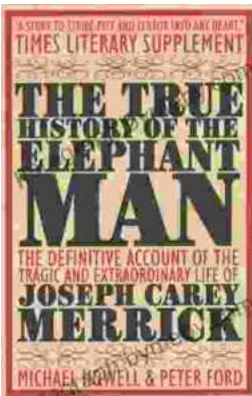
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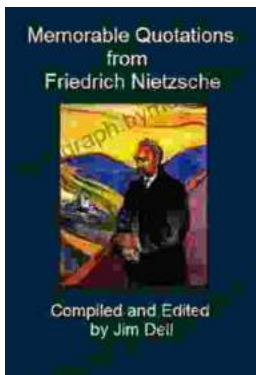
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