

“Not Self but Country” is the first book in this new series telling the story of the infant US Navy. Not Self but Country is a story of the men who sailed into battle against the mighty British Navy in their smaller, often obsolete vessels converted from merchant ships of the day—men with names such as John Barry, Richard Dale, and John Paul Jones. Now you can experience the exploits of these men. At sea aboard a fragile wooden sailing ship of the Continental Navy, you find yourself fighting desperate battles against the world’s largest and most powerful Navy, Great Britain. Cover your ears! Cannons are firing everywhere—you cough on the pungent smoke, dodging and ducking as jagged oak splinters cartwheel past your eyes. There is nonstop action in this exciting new book. **EXTRA - CONTAINS NAUTICAL TERM DICTIONARY AND CHARACTER BIOGRAPHIES.**

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“Not Self but Country” is a gripping seafaring adventure set in the late eighteenth century. Using naval terms and jargon of the day, David Perry has placed the reader squarely in the middle of the action. Overcome adversity and grow with John Paul Jones and other youthful mariners who are destined to become leaders in the newly established continental Navy. You will sit in on the strategy meetings at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia with Franklin, Jefferson, and naval captains of the day. Climb the rigging, let loose the sails, and feel the wind in your face as you pursue the enemy. Stand on the quarterdeck of Bonhomme Richard in the heat of battle, smelling the acrid smoke as the cannons lay barrage, and cringe when incoming balls splinter the timbers and hole the sails. Feel the pain of your fellow wounded patriots. There is no room for bystanders, so grab your cutlass, pistol, and hatchet and prepare to board when the order is given. The moment has come. When asked if he had struck colors, Commodore Jones shouted to Serapis, “I have not yet begun to fight.” Chief Warrant Officer Tommy Robinson, US Navy, Retired Author of Steely Eyed Killers of the Deep

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