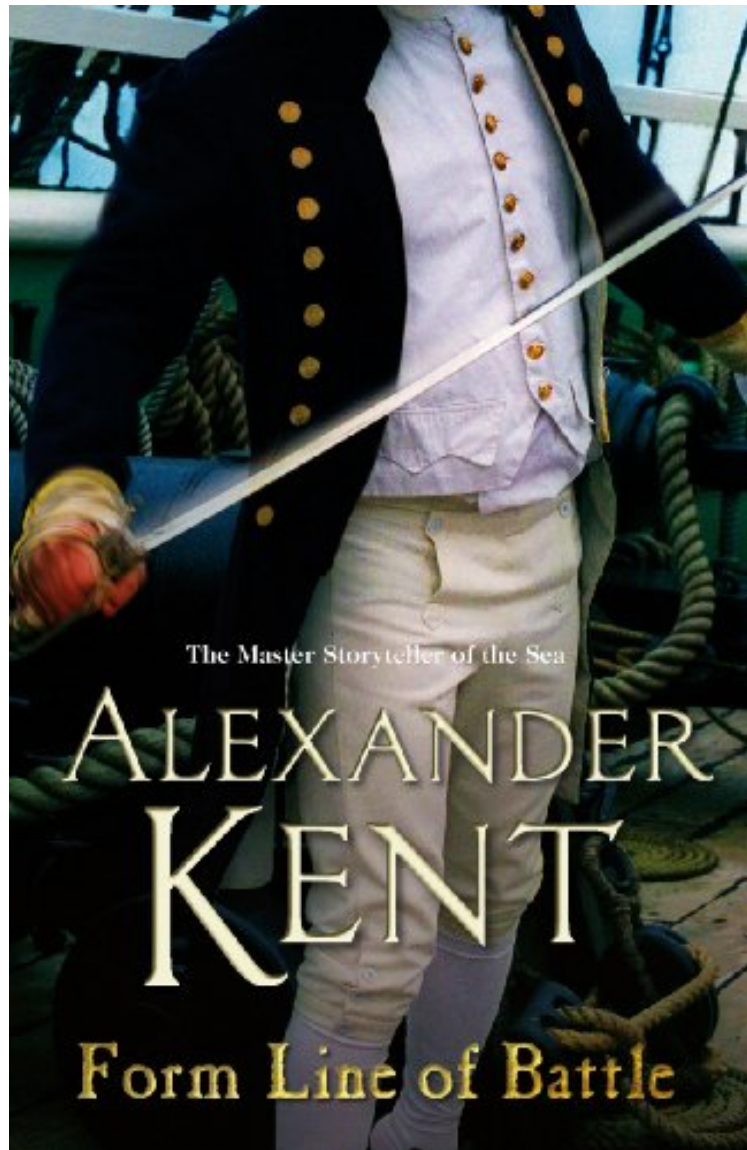


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in Shadow Von Donal A. O'Neill This is a more sombre book than any of the earlier Bolitho chronicles, almost as if the grey northern skies it plays out under cast their shadow over events. The bulk of the action plays out in the eastern North Sea and in the Kattegat and Bolitho is seriously wounded and convalescent for much of the story. In the midst of all this romantic interest enters his life but the female in question is little luckier than Bolitho's earlier women - who appear to be born to suffer! The climax involves a side-action to the Battle of Copenhagen and while Nelson turns a blind eye, Richard Bolitho finds himself barely surviving attack by a swarm of Danish rowed-gunboats. The technical detail, and the continuing development of familiar characters, are as engrossing as ever, but the novel has little of the sense of adventure of earlier ones. It's possibly not surprising - the Copenhagen action was a painful necessity for the Royal Navy, undertaken with resignation and from a sense of duty, but without the almost missionary element that characterised the sea war against the French. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Unusual Setting and Theme for a Classic Naval Yarn! Von Isidore Gride (nerissa@hotmail.com) This highly enjoyable novel features perhaps the most unusual setting and theme of any of the classic naval adventures by Kent, Forrester or O'Brien. The action takes place in the brief period of peace between the end of the American War of Independence and the start of the French Revolutionary Wars, while the location, the Pacific, is far from the arenas in which the British, French and other major navies normally waged their battles. Captain Richard Bolitho is nevertheless confronted with a daunting series of challenges. Characters from earlier novels, including Bolitho's secret love Viola, also have their roles, usually painful and demanding, to play. The descriptions of encounters with Polynesian Islanders are both convincing and obviously founded on sound research. The same applies to the description of the infant colony of New South Wales - indeed one marvels that in the short two centuries since the major nation of Australia has arisen so quickly on such a shaky foundation. The most memorable event of the story, a gruelling ocean passage in an open boat, is closely modelled on Bligh of the Bounty's epic journey in the same waters, is so well described that the reader feels uncomfortable while perusing it! On the whole, a most enjoyable novel in the Bolitho saga and well worth reading. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Action ashore and afloat in a desperate strategic situation! Von Donal A. O'Neill Napoleon's star is starting to rise from the chaos of Revolutionary France as Richard Bolitho, with his first ship-of-the-line command, joins the Royal Navy force off Toulon. He finds himself once more dogged by unimaginative and flawed superiors, but nevertheless is successful in capturing an island base, and of establishing a foothold on the French Mediterranean coast with the help of French loyalist sympathisers. Bolitho acquits himself admirably throughout, rising to the challenges of higher command, but the overall strategic situation is running very strongly against the British. The story culminates in a major fleet action which is splendidly described, the sheer horror and terror of close action on wooden ships coming across very strongly. The political context, particularly the plight of civilians caught in what amounts to a civil war between the Revolutionary Government and the Royalists and their foreign allies, provides an interesting backdrop to much of the action. Characters from earlier stories play a significant (and in one case, wholly unexpected) part in the story, and Bolitho finds true love with a new one. In summary, another excellent entertainment in the best Alexander Kent tradition.

Kurzbeschreibung June 1793, Gibraltar - The gathering might of revolutionary France prepares to engulf Europe in another bloody war. As in the past, Britain will stand or fall by the fighting power of her fleet. For Richard Bolitho, the renewal of hostilities means a fresh command and the chance of action after long months of inactivity. However, his mission to support Lord Hood in the monarchist-inspired occupation of Toulon has gone awry. Bolitho and the crew of the Hyperion are trapped by the French near a dry Mediterranean island. The great ship-of-the-line's battered hull begins to groan as her sails snap in the hot wind. From Library Journal These are the four most recent titles in Kent's ongoing adventures of 18th-century fighting British sailor Richard Bolitho. Good fun for fans of nautical fiction. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen One of our foremost writers of naval fiction. Sunday Times