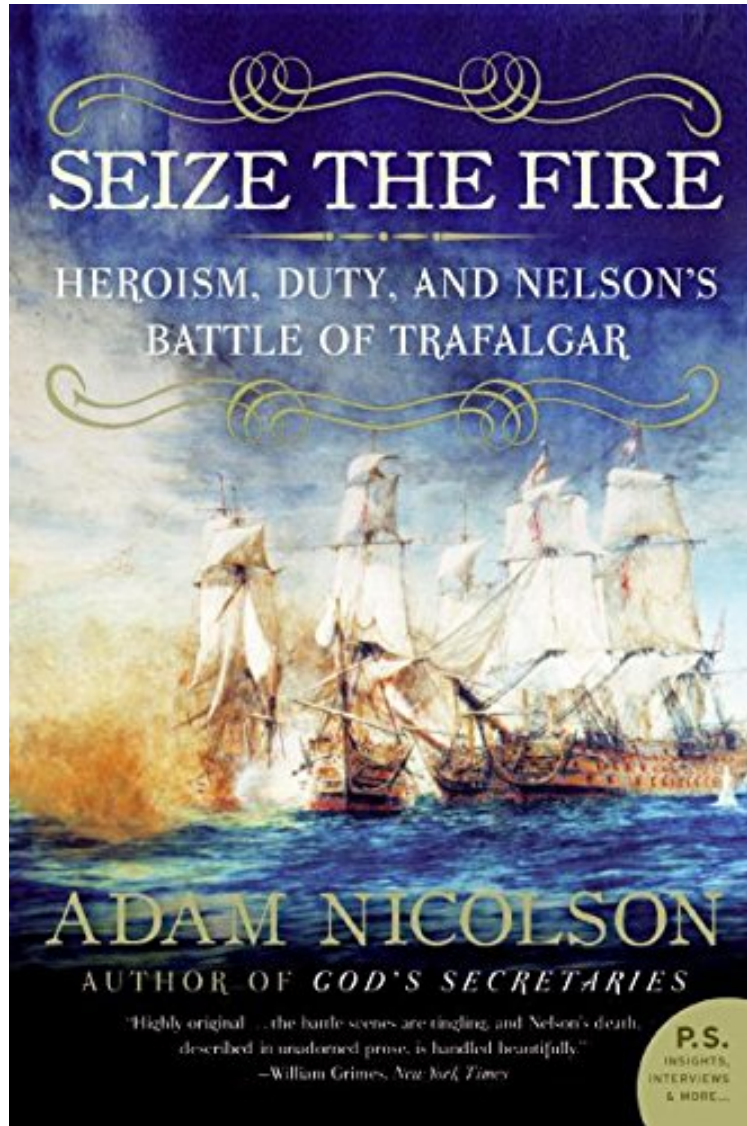


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Adam Nicolson : Seize the Fire: Heroism, Duty, and Nelson's Battle of Trafalgar before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Seize the Fire: Heroism, Duty, and Nelson's Battle of Trafalgar:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Seize the Fire By Crash Mogal I wanted to cross check Nelson's performance as well as why the British prevailed at Trafalgar. It appears the Admirals' effectiveness was in the preparations for Navel warfare, doctrine, training, logistics, and gunnery as opposed to any brilliant leadership during

the battle itself. In fact, or so it appears, despite careful pre-battle plans and briefings, nothing went as planned during the battle itself and few, if any of his commanders, adhered to the strategy. Such is war. (One might want to explore the chapter TRAFALGAR in *Moment of Battle*, Lacey + Murray for some specifics.)

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Lord Nelson and the battle of Trafalgar By Johnnie W. Yongue Jr. This book is about the Heroism, Zeal, and Duty of a maritime officer. Adam Nicolson describes much of the battle of Trafalgar and Some of Lord Nelson but, for the most part it is a breakdown of the philosophies and understanding of the relationship of Naval Officers, their seamen, and the opposition. Adam Nicolson puts you right in the minds of Nelson's captains, as well as the thoughts of the captains and sailors of the combined fleet (French and Spanish at Trafalgar) but this is not a book about Nelson's life or a book about Trafalgar (in layman's terms). When you read this book, be used to Naval and some Old English Terminology or it may be a little difficult to follow along; but overall it is a great read, and simply packed with information, Adam Nicolson really did his homework to find all of the information in this book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but an excellent history-based character study -- and I really enjoyed that ... By Officer on In This is not a naval history text, nor a social history, but an excellent history-based character study -- and I really enjoyed that aspect. I wish that he had done more in discussing the turmoil in England that he argues shaped Nelson's character. I found it enough to be intriguing, but not quite enough to convince.

In October 1805 Lord Horatio Nelson, the most brilliant sea commander who ever lived, led the British Royal Navy to a devastating victory over the Franco-Spanish fleets at the great battle of Trafalgar. It was the foundation of Britain's nineteenth-century world-dominating empire. Adam Nicolson's *Seize the Fire* is not only a close and revealing portrait of a legendary hero in his final action but also a vivid account of the brutal realities of battle; it asks the questions: Why did the winners win? What was it about the British, their commanders and their men, their beliefs and their ambitions, that took them to such overwhelming victory?

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