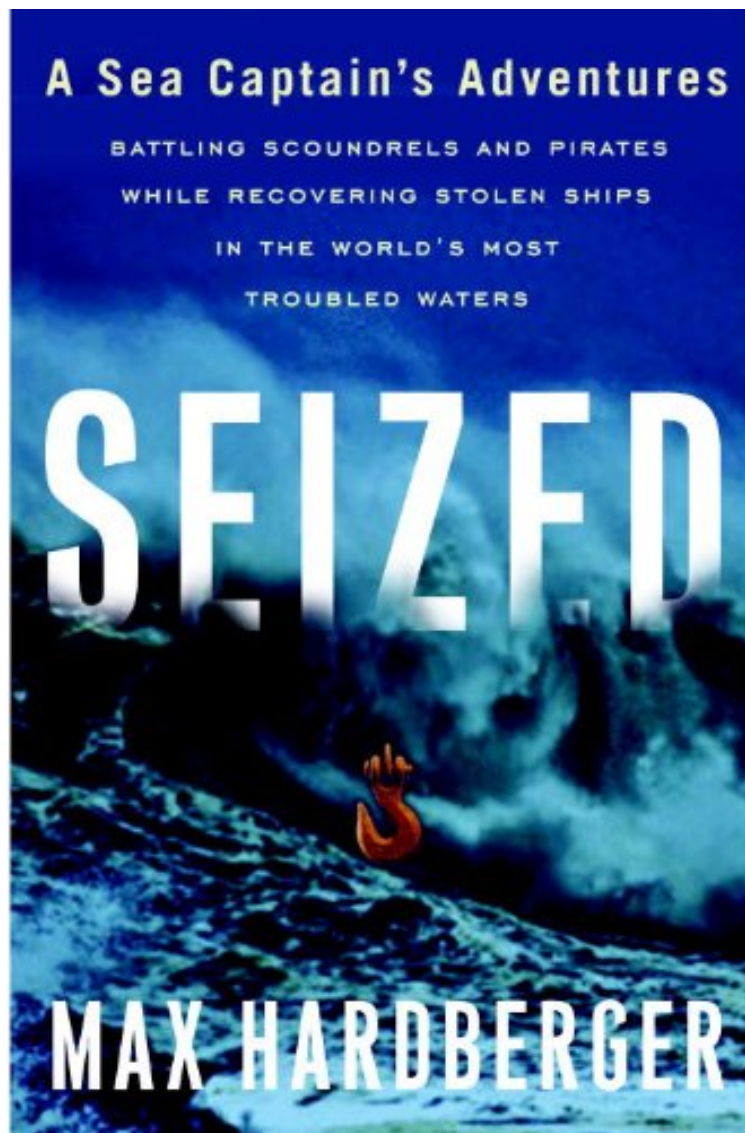


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Stolen Ships in the World's Most Troubled Waters:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good but starts repeating itselfBy old school johnI read Hardberger's *Freighter Captain* a while back and thought it was excellent, so I was looking forward to *Seized*. Unlike *Freighter Captain*, this book doesn't really seem to have a storyline. Each chapter follows the same basic plan: A ship is unfairly seized in a third world port. Hardberger agrees to get it out. He travels to the country where the ship is located, he comes up with a clever plan to extract it, spends a night worrying about getting caught and spending the next 20 years in a backwater jail, then the extraction comes off without a hitch, and everyone is happy. There are a couple of variations on this, but not enough to make it worthwhile. When I was about 2/3 of the way through I was just waiting for the end. I respect Hardberger because he's a guy who can actually do something -- captain a freighter -- and he can write pretty well. That's rare combination. But this book ceased to be interesting about half way through. I guess there's something to be said for having a "plot" after all.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Book, Not GreatBy Mike NThis book deals with a subject matter I am very unfamiliar with (ships/shipping, the high seas, etc.). It had the potential to get very confusing with the jargon (I couldn't tell the difference between aft and stern) but the author wrote simply and created suspenseful scenes, especially for the first half of the book. Overall, I learned a lot about a topic which I now find interesting but previously knew nothing about.The only con I would say (and the reason I say good and not great) is that despite there being several different methods of seizing ships, getting through customs, etc., the book is fairly episodic, moving from story to story with little to tie them together. As this is a memoir of sorts, I guess that could be expected, but toward the end I certainly wasn't feeling the irrepressible urge to continue turning the pages.As I said, good book, interesting, a few times had me at the edge of my seat, but towards the end was just a little "meh."0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Superb insiderBy CustomerSpeaks with the voice of experience. Great opportunity to see the industry from the inside.

Seized throws open the hatch on the shadowy world of maritime shipping, where third-world governments place exorbitant liens against ships, pirates seize commercial vessels with impunity, crooks and con artists reign supreme on the docks and in the shipyards—and hapless owners have to rely on sea captain Max Hardberger to recapture their ships and win justice on the high seas. A ship captain, airplane pilot, lawyer, teacher, writer, adventurer, and raconteur, Max Hardberger recovers stolen freighters for a living. In *Seized*, he takes us on a real-life journey into the mysterious world of freighters and shipping, where fortunes are made and lost by the whims of the waves. Desperate owners hire Max Hardberger to “extract” or steal back ships that have been illegitimately seized by putting together a mission-impossible team to sail them into international waters under cover of darkness. It’s a high stakes assignment—if Max or his crew are caught, they risk imprisonment or death. *Seized* takes readers behind the scenes of the multibillion dollar maritime industry, as he recounts his efforts to retrieve freighters and other vessels from New Orleans to the Caribbean, from East Germany to Vladivostak, Russia, and from Greece to Guatemala. He resorts to everything from disco dancing to women of the night to distract the shipyard guards, from bribes to voodoo doctors to divert attention and buy the time he needs to sail a ship out of a foreign port without clearance. *Seized* is adventure nonfiction at its best.

From Publishers WeeklyStarred . In this heart-stopping account of his work recovering stolen (or otherwise illegally-seized) ships from "hellhole" ports, commercial captain Hardberger proves himself tough as a tank and articulate as a poet. An airplane pilot, teacher, and lawyer besides, Hardberger never turns down an assignment, no matter how perilous—from surreptitiously repossessing huge ships at midnight to transporting a fleet of old airplanes across East Germany in a perilous airborne convoy. Facing down foes that include gangsters, corrupt judges, and, of course, pirates, Hardberger proves a formidable hero, but nevertheless admits that "my long experience in leading men into dicey situations had taught me to keep my qualms to myself." Hardberger has a seafarer's gift for atmospheric storytelling, layering details to create a sense of place, history, and foreboding, as when outsmarting deceptive authorities at a Honduran port: "I knew that pier well, and those pilings had been rotten since Simon Bolivar was a boy." Full of the suspense that comes from ripping off the bad guys and making a daring escape, often aboard less-than-reliable craft ("the ship could only make a desperate run for Belize... before the hold filled with water and she took a nosedive into the sea") Hardberger's escapades make undeniably fun reading.From BooklistHardberger has taught school, played rock, flown airplanes as crop duster and flight instructor, and practiced law. His major qualification is as a Licensed Master Mariner (All Tonnage, All Oceans), and his major profession is fighting pirates. Not the kind with motor boats and assault rifles, though he has had to work around both at the risk of his life, but rather the kind who rely on bribes to Third World governments, shadow corporations, shipyards that resemble chop shops, and various other devices far more subtle but quite as effective for illegally seizing ships as anything Somali goons have devised. There is material for half a dozen thrillers in Hardberger's life, in which he has suffered divorce, bereavement, and penury but fought a very specialized form of good fight with more successes than failures. Irresistible and informative. --Roland Green "One of the strengths of Hardberger's book is his prose, which is lucid,

entertaining and dramatic..." Daniel Sekulich, author of *Terror on the Seas: True Tales of Modern Day Pirates*