



The Rainborowes: Pirates, Puritans and a Family's Quest for the Promised Land

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Jonathan Cape. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. William Rainborowe ably served in Charles I's navy against Barbary pirates, though his sons Thomas and William are better known for their own service as radical reformers with the Roundheads during the English Civil War; while Thomas stayed in England, and died in 1648 at the hands of Royalists allegedly attempting to kidnap him, the younger William left for the American colonies. Historian Adrian Tinniswood bridges two generations and two worlds, weaving together the lives of the Rainborowe clan between 1630 and 1660 and re-creating day-to-day life on both sides of the Atlantic during one of the most tumultuous periods in Western history. "Tinniswood's main aim here is not, in the end, to prove an abstract argument, but to tell some very good stories something he does extremely well, with a command of atmospheric detail and a fund of human sympathy." Sunday Telegraph (London) "In this well researched history of the family and their influence, Tinniswood conjures an England of holy-rolling, anti-rational sectarians and Cromwellites of every stripe." Observer (London) 409.



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