



Sea of Poppies

By Amitav Ghosh

St Martin's Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Sea of Poppies, Amitav Ghosh, The first in an epic trilogy, "Sea of Poppies" is "a remarkably rich saga . . . which has plenty of action and adventure a la Dumas, but moments also of Tolstoyan penetration--and a drop or two of Dickensian sentiment" ("The Observer "[London]). At the heart of this vibrant saga is a vast ship, the "Ibis." Her destiny is a tumultuous voyage across the Indian Ocean shortly before the outbreak of the Opium Wars in China. In a time of colonial upheaval, fate has thrown together a diverse cast of Indians and Westerners on board, from a bankrupt raja to a widowed tribeswoman, from a mulatto American freedman to a free-spirited French orphan. As their old family ties are washed away, they, like their historical counterparts, come to view themselves as "jahaj-bhais," or ship-brothers. The vast sweep of this historical adventure spans the lush poppy fields of the Ganges, the rolling high seas, and the exotic backstreets of Canton. With a panorama of characters whose diaspora encapsulates the vexed colonial history of the East itself, "Sea" of Poppies" "is "a storm-tossed adventure worthy of Sir Walter...

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