

in which Lane defines both “pirate” and “privateering.” By comparison, the same cannot be said of Marley’s *Pirates of the Americas*. Marley does not define “pirate” anywhere in the text: a significant shortcoming.

Without an introduction and with prefaces and some entries that require pre-existing knowledge of the topic, this reference source can leave readers feeling “lost at sea.” For example, the reader is left to ponder why certain individuals are mentioned. One can only guess that entries for “Alford, Lewis (fl. 1659)” and “Allen, Captain (fl. 1659)” are included because they are referenced in someone’s journal, in this case that of Colonel Edward D’Oyley, Governor of Jamaica (8). Moreover, the title of many biographical entries contains “fl.,” and unfortunately, this is never defined anywhere in the text, leaving readers in a quandary. By consulting the online version of the *Hutchinson Dictionary of Abbreviations and Acronyms* (Helicon, 2005), one discovers that “fl.” stands for the Latin term *flourit*, which means “he/she flourished” (8). Illustrations and maps certainly do not flourish in this encyclopedia. Maps would greatly enhance this reference source, especially for the geographically challenged.

The breadth of this encyclopedia is its best asset. The content is not based solely on the adventures of pirates, but also contains entries on those who warded them off, such as “Barreda Villigas, Felipe de (fl. 1680–1685).” Entries include an array of biographies and a mix of geographic place names and definitions, including slang terms such as “Apostles”: a military slang term used during the sixteen hundreds to describe the “charges carried in a bandolier or cartridge belt . . . usually number[ing] a dozen” (483). Duplication of entries, primarily geographic locations and vocabulary terms, occur, with entries for “Barre’s Tavern” and “Billards” appearing in both volumes. With the exception of biographical entries, most articles are a page or less in length. Entries are arranged alphabetically. Volume one, which focuses on the period 1650 to 1685, emphasizes the escapades of Dutch, English, French, and Spanish pirates. Volume two, 1686 to 1725, subtly shifts away from the Dutch and Spanish and toward the English and French. The most useful sections appear in each volume and include the following: a detailed chronology, a glossary, and a documents section, containing primary source materials. These features redeem the encyclopedia to an extent.

Unfortunately, the strengths of *Pirates of the Americas* cannot offset its weaknesses. Therefore it stands as an optional title for public, school, and academic libraries.—*Elizabeth A. Young, Research and Information Literacy Librarian, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland*

Seas and Waterways of the World: An Encyclopedia of History, Uses, and Issues. Ed. by John Zumerchik and Steven L. Danver. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Greenwood, 2 vols. alkaline \$165 (ISBN 978-1-85109-711-1). E-book available, call for pricing.

Editors Zumerchik and Danver approach this vast topic—interestingly arranged alphabetically under three different headings—primarily from the point of view of the use of the

world’s many manifestations of water. “History of the World’s Seas and Waterways” includes such entries as “African Rivers,” “Australian Ports” and “Harbors, North American Dams and Locks,” and “Caspian Sea.” “Uses of the World’s Seas and Waterways” has entries such as “Methane Hydrates,” “Fishing Methods and Technology,” “Pharmaceuticals from the Sea,” and “Containerization.” The third section, “Issues Pertaining to the World’s Seas and Waterways,” includes such entries as “Research Vessels and Missions,” “Storm and Flood Control,” and “Pollution.” This two-volume set has a complete index to the set in each volume, always helpful, and a chronology and glossary at the end of the second volume. Black and white photographs, maps, and prints are used throughout, if somewhat sparingly. The occasional “sidebars,” usually biographical or related to a specific conference or set of laws, are a darker gray in background than is ideal and appealing for reading comfortably. There are thirty-five contributors, mostly university professors from the United States, but Australia, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Nigeria are also represented.

The entries vary in length, but are generally well done and offer an eclectic look at the world’s oceans, rivers, and lakes, as well as the title’s seas and waterways. The size of the set precludes longer, comprehensive articles, but the editors do not pretend to cover their topics in depth in 126 entries with an average length of five pages. Interesting articles about the history of the use of waterways, natural and manmade, trace the growth of commerce, political contention, research, and recreation related to water on our planet.

The editing could have been more stringent—I found three proofreading errors in three different entries in the first hour of examination of this source. Additionally, in a comparatively short work, why are both “Coastal Tourism Industry” and a “Seaside Resorts and Tourism” among the only thirty-six entries in the “Uses” section?

For the most part, however, this is a rather unique reference source that is only partially comparable to various encyclopedias on oceans and seas, such as Richard Ellis’s *Encyclopedia of the Sea* (Knopf, 2000) or Dorrik Stow’s *Encyclopedia of the Oceans* (Oxford University Press, 2004). Its emphasis on economics and commerce and its focus on all types of waterways means that it also overlaps with such encyclopedias as Michael Luck’s *Encyclopedia of Tourism and Recreation in Marine Environments* (CABI, 2008) as well as encyclopedias on inland waters such as lakes and rivers—and even some encyclopedias on the history of technology. Recommended for high school, public, and college and university libraries.—*Judith Faust, Chair, Library Faculty, California State University, East Bay, Hayward, California*

Spaceflight: A Historical Encyclopedia. By Patrick J. Walsh. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Greenwood, 2010. 3 vols. alkaline \$295 (ISBN 978-0-313-37869-0). E-book available (ISBN 978-0-313-37870-6), call for pricing.

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