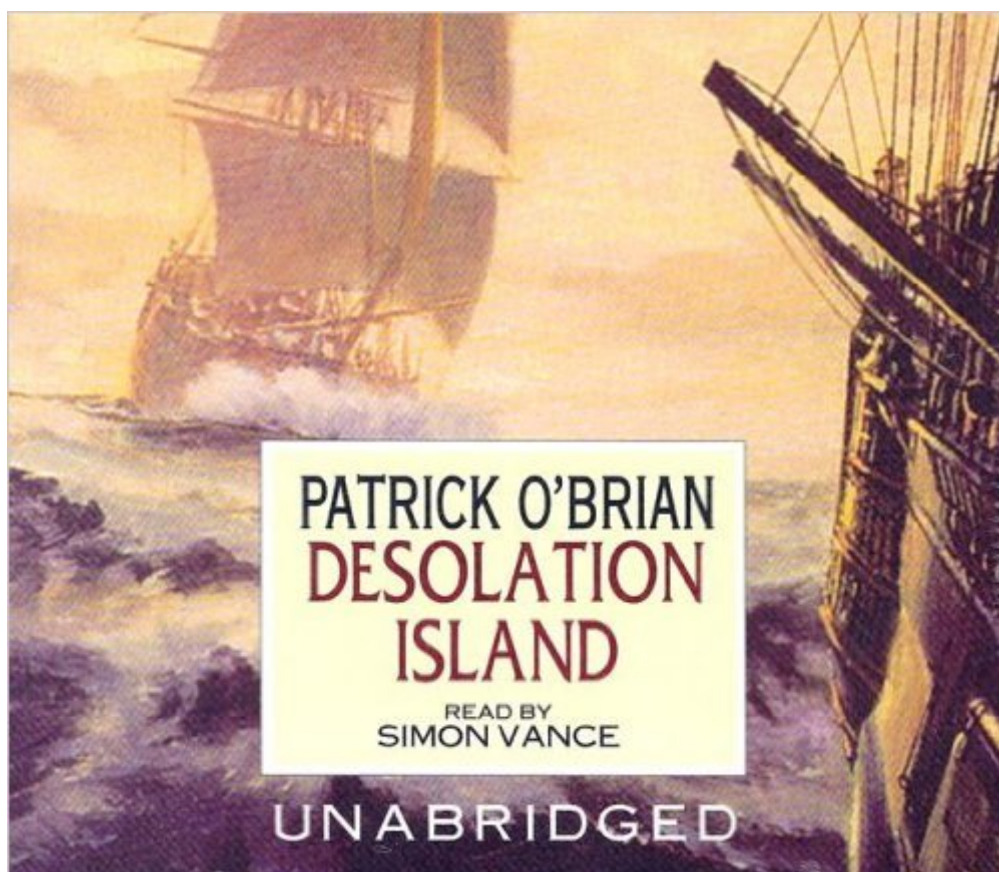


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# Desolation Island (Aubrey-Maturin Series, Book 5)



## Synopsis

[Read by Simon Vance] Desolation Island is Patrick O'Brian's fifth 'Aubrey-Maturin' novel and it marks a turning point in this highly entertaining historical adventure series. Whereas the previous four novels could be read as stand-alones, only loosely connected in regard to plot, Desolation Island begins a story arc that continues on through the series. Captain Jack Aubrey has been getting into trouble during his time ashore, his trusting nature causing him problems in both business and cards. His friend, surgeon Stephen Maturin, is having a little trouble of his own. Commissioned to rescue Governor Bligh of Bounty fame, Captain Aubrey Maturin sails the Leopard to Australia with a hold full of convicts. Among them is a beautiful and dangerous spy - and a treacherous disease that decimates the crew. With a Dutch man-of-war to windward, the undermanned, outgunned Leopard sails for her life into the freezing waters of the Antarctic, where, in mountainous seas, the Dutchman closes in.

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## Customer Reviews

No better book about war at sea and the terrible dangers facing sailors in the age of sailing ships has been written. In this fifth book in Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey / Maturin novels, the threats and dangers are extreme and the actions are most exciting. I have read "Desolation Island" at least ten times, and have been thrilled and saddened and excited and gratified with each reading.

I really enjoyed this even though I am used to the Patrick Tull version of these stories. This was very

good and it was over before I knew it! I will listen to it over and over.

When I want to get away for a break, I can become completely immersed in this absolutely wonderful series. I will NEVER give these books away. If you would like to become a little more knowledgeable about the sailing world there is plenty here .. I who know nothing of sailing now know a few of the terms. I was so happy to have the Russell Crowe movie made .. but it was just too short for me (it was a merging of several of the books). The Series is NOT too short .. you can have days and days upon the sea, with intrigue and love (just a tiny bit .. after all, these are Men of the late 1700's! What a Great Romp)

This time the plot involves more than sea, battle, and the natural world. The ship has taken on prisoners consigned to Australia. This feature adds pathos, indignation, and other emotional factors to the usual naval war between Britain and France.

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