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Robert Jarman's JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEAS, IN THE "JAPAN," employed in the Sperm Whale Fishery, under the command of Capt. John May was first published in 1838 (two issues, Beccles and London) and has never been reprinted until now. It is an important and exciting account of whaling and seafaring life in the early nineteenth century, one of only three full-length accounts of a whaling voyage published at the time (the other two being by surgeons Thomas Beale and Frederick Debell Bennett appearing in 1839 and 1840 respectively and both reprinted in facsimile in the 1970s). As well as being the first published, Jarman's is the only account by a common sailor "before the mast". Our new edition is much more than a facsimile however. Carefully reset to reproduce the original text and layout line-for-line, it contains, in addition, copious informative and interesting end-notes by Robert M. Warneke, together with his introduction, chronology, references and index.

Further supplemented by a portrait of the Author in later life, the introduction includes details of Jarman's career and family life, making this new addition a valuable supplement to and substitute for the extremely rare original edition. Its rarity perhaps helps to explain the obscurity of this little-known but important account. Besides the wealth of interesting detail on seafaring and whaling life there are many interesting anecdotes and digressions including an account of the Bounty mutiny, the subsequent boat voyage by William Bligh and the loyal members of crew, and the activities of the mutineers with their Tahitian companions at Pitcairn. He gives a detailed account of Honolulu where the *Japan* arrived in October 1832 and of Port Jackson to which the ship headed after a devastating storm. Arriving in February 1833 the ship here received an extensive refit and the long stay gave Jarman the opportunity to observe and describe the Aborigines as well as the convicts and their management. Notwithstanding its factual nature and the wealth of detail, the narrative reads like a thriller and is difficult to put down.

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