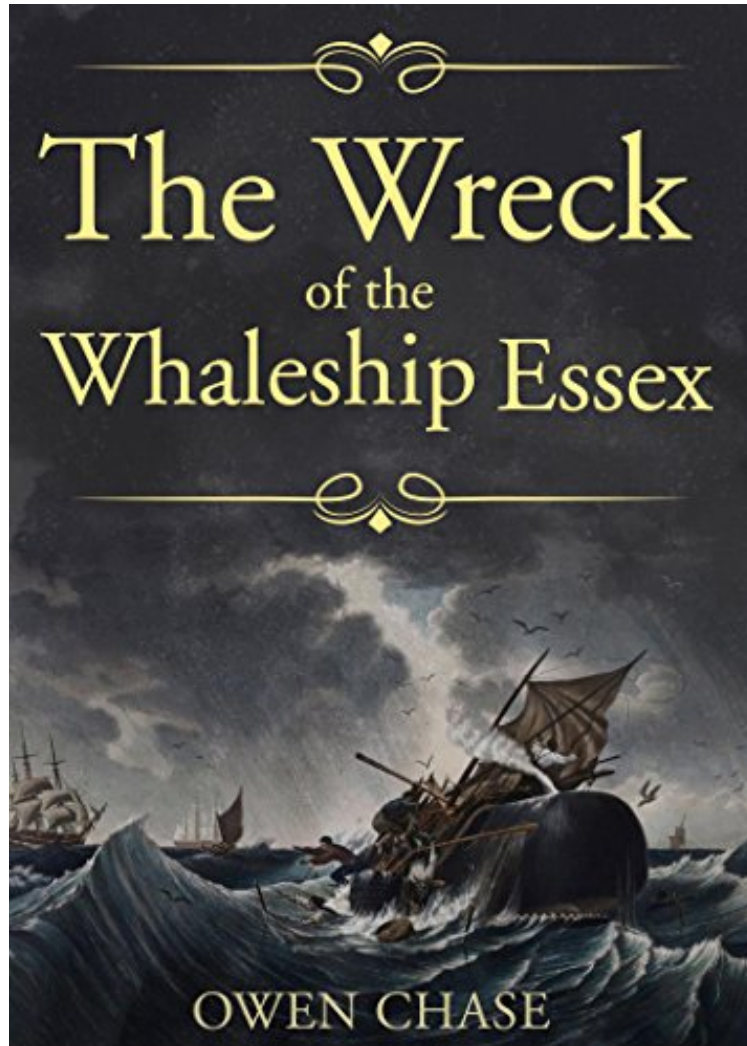


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Von Owen Chase : The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Harrowing, well-written, and true. Von Joseph T. Reeves "The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex" is much more than just the inspiration for Herman Melville's "Moby Dick." It stands alone as a remarkable account of survival in a hostile environment. It's probably difficult for modern readers to truly grasp the impact First Mate Owen Chase felt when his ship the Essex sank in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, leaving 20 men to fend for themselves in three frail whaling boats. In 1820, the loss of the ship meant that Chase and his men were truly on their own. His account and shock reflect the enormity of what losing a ship meant to these men. The ship was their world and without it, they

faced an arduous journey. Chase also accurately captures the shock of seeing a whale attack his ship twice. An experienced whaler, Chase watched dumbfounded as a creature he always thought to be gentle and placid appear to deliberately sink the Essex. Chase has managed to balance these feelings of anguish and fear with determination to survive. His story also vividly recounts a bygone time when Nantucket whalers seemed to own the seas, and industry at home depended on the oil these men brought back. We seem to forget that whaling and its fruits were an essential part of early American commerce and life. This book puts Chase's account of his survival clearly in context with its times. Highly recommended. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "My god, this really happened" Von Tony Watson Just imagine the unthinkable:- a whale, that most placid animal, suddenly turns on its tormentors with malice apparent in its intent and within a few minutes, reduces the ship, not the boat that harpooned it, to a sinking wreck, a thousand miles from any land. The subsequent journey to safety of the eight survivors is recounted by the first mate in graphic detail and with great literary skill; you have to admire the fortitude displayed by Mr. Chase in keeping an accurate log, even in the extremes of privation and heat exhaustion, as well as the psychological assault of that ultimate horror (at that time) of cannibalism. Put in their position, would I do the same - absolutely! It speaks volumes that very little was said about the Essex party, whereas the Donner party were unjustly vilified for doing exactly the same thing to preserve the remaining members of their company. I can do no better justice to this book than to quote Gary Kinder:- "...settle back into that overstuffed leather chair and let the most amazing story in the annals of the sea transport you to a different time, a different breed, an experience few could believe...". 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good quick read Von LaLoren This is an excellent book to take on a plane or read on a day at the beach. At a little over a hundred pages, it can be read in one sitting, yet it's the narrative of an actual event-the ship wreck that inspired the novel, Moby Dick. Best for me was the glossary in the back that explains some of those terms I always read in those old nautical novels, but never understood.

Kurzbeschreibung This is the true story which inspired the major motion picture, *In the Heart of the Sea*, and Melville's classic *Moby Dick*. 1820, at the heart of the Pacific Ocean. Sensational in its time, the epic tale still has resonance today. On the morning of November 20th, 1820, the whaleship Essex was struck by an enraged sperm whale. The boat started to sink, and the twenty-one crew members who made it into the lifeboats found themselves stranded 2,000 miles from land. They had no maps and little food. This is their extraordinary story. Over ninety days at sea, the crew faced storms, starvation and even the last resort of cannibalism. Owen Chase, the first mate of the Essex, tells first-hand the harrowing account of the sailors' attempts to survive against all odds. *The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex* is a thrilling saga and classic tale of courage in the face of insurmountable odds. Owen Chase (1797-1869) was the First Mate of the whale-ship Essex and wrote *The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex* about his experiences during and after its deadly wreckage. It was first published in 1821. Albion Press is an imprint of Endeavour Press, the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>. We are always interested in hearing from our readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now..de On November 20, 1820, a sperm whale repeatedly rammed the whaleship Essex, causing her to sink. The 20-man crew were left in three small, open boats in the middle of the Pacific with little food and only 200 gallons of water. Bereft of charts, the boats sailed due east in the hopes of sighting land. Battered by storms, the boats became separated. Some 90 days later, a few men were rescued--but not before they had been forced to make a terrible decision. I have no language to paint the horrors of our situation. To shed tears was indeed altogether unavailing and withal unmanly; yet I was not able to deny myself the relief they served to afford me. This harrowing, first-hand account by First Mate Owen Chase was originally published in 1821, just months after he returned home to Nantucket, and the unfortunate Essex and her crew passed into legend. Twenty years after the wreck, young William Chase, Owen's son, was serving on the *Lima* when it met another whaler called the *Acushnet*. The crews spent some time together, and Chase told his father's story to 21-year-old Herman Melville, and lent him a copy of his father's book. The story clearly caught Melville's imagination--"The reading of this wondrous story upon the landless sea, and close to the very latitude of the shipwreck had a surprising effect on me"--and ten years later he published *Moby Dick*. Literary inspiration aside, *The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex* is a well-told, truly gripping tale. As Gary Kinder (who, as the author of *Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea*, knows a thing or two about shipwrecks) notes in his introduction, "As you sit in your chair, the subliminal thought recurs: My god, this really happened." -- Sunny Delaney **Kurzbeschreibung** This is the true story which inspired the major motion picture, *In the Heart of the Sea*, and Melville's classic *Moby Dick*. 1820, at the heart of the Pacific Ocean. Sensational in its time, the epic tale still has resonance today. On the morning of November 20th, 1820, the whaleship Essex was struck by an enraged sperm whale. The boat started to sink, and the twenty-one crew members who made it into the lifeboats found themselves stranded 2,000 miles from land. They had no maps and little food. This is their extraordinary story. Over ninety days at sea, the crew faced storms, starvation and even the last resort of cannibalism. Owen Chase, the first mate of the Essex,

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