

White-Jacket: or, The World in a Man-Of-War

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Synopsis

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A deeply influential novel from one of America's greatest authors, *White-Jacket* presents a view of life aboard a 19th-century navy ship that is equal parts humorous and sobering. Published a year before his masterpiece *Moby-Dick*, *White-Jacket* is based on Herman Melville's own experiences aboard the USS *United States* from 1843 to 1844.

Full of memorable characters and dramatic episodes of navy life aboard a man-of-war, *White-Jacket* was actually far more influential than *Moby-Dick* during Melville's lifetime--because of its graphic descriptions of flogging and the horrors caused by its arbitrary use, the novel was instrumental in the permanent abolition of flogging in the US Navy.

Today, *White-Jacket* remains an under-appreciated classic of American literature.

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