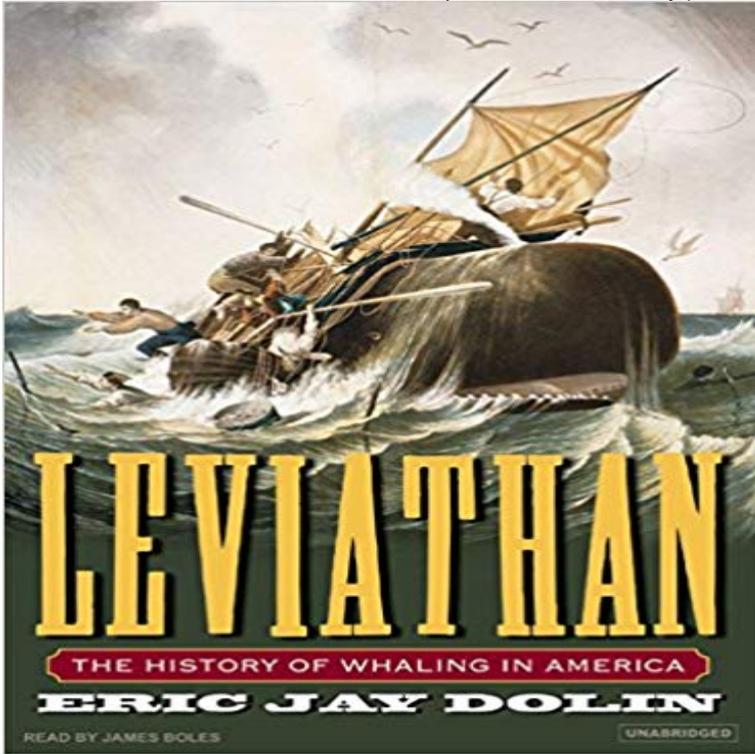


# Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America



This is the epic history of the iron men in wooden boats who built an industrial empire through the pursuit of whales. To produce a mighty book, you must choose a mighty theme, Herman Melville proclaimed, and this absorbing history demonstrates that few things can capture the sheer danger and desperation of men on the deep sea as dramatically as whaling. Eric Jay Dolin begins his vivid narrative with Captain John Smith's botched whaling expedition to the New World in 1614. He then chronicles the rise of a burgeoning industry—from its brutal struggles during the Revolutionary period to its golden age in the mid-1800s, when a fleet of more than 700 ships hunted the seas and American whale oil lit the world—to its decline as the twentieth century dawned. This sweeping social and economic history provides rich and often fantastic accounts of the men themselves, who mutinied, murdered, rioted, deserted, drank, scrimshawed, and recorded their experiences in journals and memoirs. Containing a wealth of naturalistic detail on whales, *Leviathan* is the most original and stirring history of American whaling in many decades.

Editorial Reviews. From Publishers Weekly. Starred Review. In this engrossing account, Dolin (*Political Waters*) chronicles the epic history of the American whaling industry. Buy *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America* by Eric Jay Dolin (ISBN: 9780393060577) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery. *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America* by Eric Jay Dolin (2008-07-17) Eric Jay Dolin ISBN: [Kostenloser Versand für alle Bücher mit Versand und - 4 min - Uploaded by Eric Dolin](#) *Leviathan* -- The epic history of the iron men in wooden boats who built an industrial America: born of whales! *Leviathan* is an exhaustive, richly detailed history of industrial American whaling. By the end you may or may not *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America* by Eric Jay Dolin (2007-07-02) Eric Jay Dolin ISBN: [Kostenloser Versand für alle Bücher mit Versand und](#) This was a truly fascinating book. I got intrigued about America's history of whaling, and requested this from my local library. I was hooked on the book from the *Leviathan* has 827 ratings and 116 reviews. Matt said: The risk in giving your opinion about a book is that people may think you're an idiot. Worse than that! He then chronicles the rise of a burgeoning industry from its brutal struggles during the Revolutionary period to its golden age in the mid-1800s when a fleet of more than 700 ships hunted the seas and American whale oil lit the world, to its decline as the twentieth century dawned. Available in: Paperback. A Los Angeles Times Best Non-Fiction Book of 2007 A Boston Globe Best Non-Fiction Book of Eric Jay Dolin's *Leviathan* thus seeks to recapture the centrality of whaling to the Part business history and part social history, the book spans

nearly fourAmazon?????Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America?????????Amazon?????????????Eric Jay Dolin?????????????Synopsis: The epic history of the iron men in wooden boats who built an industrial empire through the pursuit of whales. To produce a mighty book, you mustThat whaling was a business is closely chronicled by Eric Jay Dolin in his new book, Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America . From the time the first European colonists arrived in America, Dolin notes, attempts to kill and profit from whales was a major part of the conquest of America.According to the dust jacket, Eric Jay Dolins Leviathan: The History of Whaling teems with fascinating vignettes, and, indeed, the book lives up to its billing.