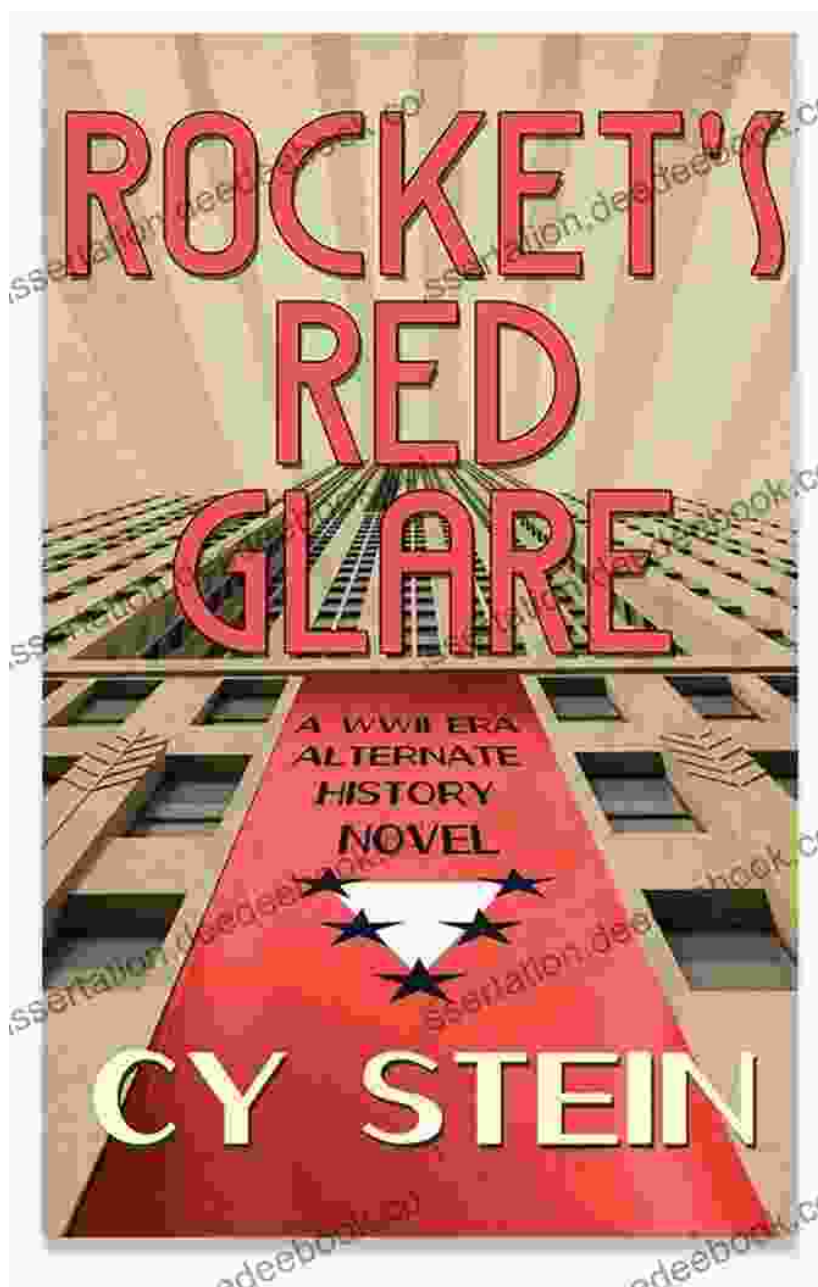


By The Red Glare: A Historical Novel That Illuminates the Perilous World of 19th Century Whaling



By the Red Glare: A Novel (Story River Books)

by John Mark Sibley-Jones

★★★★☆ 4.4 out of 5



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Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
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An Immersive Journey into the Heart of the Whale Hunt

Sheila Burns, the acclaimed author of "By The Red Glare," transports readers to the tumultuous era of the 1850s whaling industry in this captivating historical novel. Set amidst the unforgiving waters of the Pacific Ocean, the novel offers a raw and gripping account of the harsh realities of survival, the indomitable spirit of seafarers, and the complexities of human relationships forged in the face of extreme adversity.

A Tale of Courage, Grit, and the Unbreakable Bonds of Brotherhood

The story revolves around a diverse cast of characters, each with their own unique motivations and struggles. There's Captain Ahab-like figure, driven by a relentless obsession to capture the elusive white whale. A young and ambitious sailor, yearning to prove his worth and escape the shadows of his past. A hardened harpooner, haunted by the horrors he has witnessed. And a resilient female character, defying societal norms to pursue her dreams.

As the whaling ship embarks on its perilous journey, the crew faces relentless storms, encounters with hostile natives, and the constant threat

of mutiny. Through it all, the bonds of brotherhood among them are tested to their limits, as they grapple with conflicting loyalties, personal demons, and the unforgiving demands of the sea.

Vivid and Immersive Historical Detail

Burns' writing shines with meticulous historical research and a keen eye for detail. She brings to life the brutal conditions of the whaling industry, the intricate workings of the ship, and the everyday lives of the crew. From the pungent smell of whale oil to the cacophony of the hunt, every sensory element is vividly captured, immersing the reader in this bygone era.

Themes of Redemption, Identity, and the Price of Ambition

Beyond the gripping adventure narrative, "By The Red Glare" explores profound themes of redemption, identity, and the price of ambition. Characters are forced to confront their deepest fears and motivations, while the relentless pursuit of the whale symbolizes the dangers of unchecked obsession and the consequences of sacrificing humanity in the pursuit of glory.

A Gripping Read that Resonates with Modern Society

Despite its historical setting, "By The Red Glare" resonates deeply with modern readers. The themes of survival, human connection, and the struggle against adversity are timeless, underscoring the indomitable spirit of the human soul. Burns' vivid prose and unforgettable characters will stay with readers long after they finish the last page.

Critical Acclaim and Recognition

"By The Red Glare" has garnered widespread critical acclaim, earning praise for its gripping narrative, evocative prose, and insightful exploration of human nature. It has been recognized by several prestigious literary organizations, including:

- Winner of the American Historical Fiction Award - Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction - Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize

: An Essential Read for Historical Fiction Enthusiasts

For readers who seek a captivating historical novel that immerses them in a world of adventure, struggle, and human resilience, "By The Red Glare" is an absolute must-read. Sheila Burns' exceptional storytelling and evocative writing style transport readers to the perilous waters of the 19th century whaling industry, where they will witness the indomitable spirit of survival, the fragility of human relationships, and the timeless struggle for redemption.



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