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When Tom Dugan's desperate effort to ransom his crew from murderous Somali pirates is halted by order of the US and British governments, the angry pirates ratchet up the mistreatment of their captives, broadcasting the abuse over the internet. Witnessing a crewman murdered before his eyes on a live video feed is too much, and an enraged Dugan defies government orders and launches his own rescue, only to stumble across something far more sinister — a nearby treasure recovery expedition that's raised a long lost weapon of mass destruction. Isolated at sea on an ancient rust bucket previously destined for the ship breakers, Dugan and his ragtag little band of Russian mercenaries and Texas rednecks find themselves the last line of defense between the world and a terrifying bio-weapon -- presuming they don't kill each other first.

Weaving historical fact with fiction, *Deadly Coast* takes the reader into the very real world of modern day pirates — and their victims.

A Note from the Author

The public has long romanticized pirates, but reality is a long way from *Treasure Island*. Each year in forgotten backwaters of the world, merchant ships are hijacked, with their crews becoming hostages -- or worse. It's a thought never far from the minds of those of us who once sailed, or who have friends and loved ones who still, in the words of the King James Bible, 'go down to the sea in ships.'

My concern is personal. In 2006, I attended the dry-docking of the ship *M/V Biscaglia* in Singapore. For weeks, I worked and shared meals with the ship's crew, and my heart sank some months later when that ship was hijacked by pirates. I was thankful when after two months, ransom was paid and the crew freed, mistreated but alive. Crimes aren't so abstract when you know the victims.

Pirates were much on my mind as I researched my next book and found the record of the treasure ship *SS John Barry* sunk near Somali waters in 1944 by a German U-boat. That event fit well with related research on the very real and terrifying Japanese bioweapon program of World War II. Together, the blend of historical events and modern day pirates formed the backdrop for the plot of *Deadly Coast*. The book is fiction, but the underlying story is historical fact, and the details are as accurate as I could make them.

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Editorial Review

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***Deadly Coast* was very clever and absorbing. So much so, I asked my wife to stop talking to me; which is never a good idea.**

Jesse Thorson - Amazon Reviewer

Once again, the author delivers everything I've come to expect from this subject matter expert and master storyteller. How can McDermott bring an original extremist terrorism story into a market crowded with the same? Trust me. He nails it, with a finely researched, briskly paced, entirely satisfying thriller. From the opening chapters, McDermott had me hooked. As a former naval officer who served on naval vessels in the region described by McDermott, I can attest to the realism and authenticity of the setting and action. Read this book. You won't be disappointed.

*Steven Konkoly, author of the best-selling *Black Flagged* and *Perseid Collapse* series*

As usual, McDermott has done a super job with his characterizations. The plot could be lifted from the daily news. There is plenty of action and emotions are more realistic and perhaps less noble than the run of the mill stylized protagonist. Another must read from a terrific author.

William Bentrim, Pick of the Literate blog

The author, a veteran mariner, knows his subject and writes with authority. The characters are people I'd want coming after me if I were on a hijacked ship! Go get this one, it was great!

Nancy, Cheryl's Book Nook blog

As we have come to expect from Mr. McDermott, this thriller unwinds at breakneck speed. The author's grasp of the details of ocean-going craft and the vagaries of human nature, rival that of the masterful Tom Clancy. All the characters are highly believable, and one simply must keep reading until the very last page. Unputdownable.

Quasar "Q", Kindle Users Forum (UK)

Well-written with such fine characterizations that you'll find yourself rooting for the home team to take down those contemptible pirates big time! Includes what seems like a little bit of everything - Treasure, Terrorists, Wit, WW2 secrets THE WORKS! Book is fast-paced and hard-boiled as I like them in the same vein as a Clive Cussler or Tom Clancy offering.

Don Kidwell - Amazon Top 1000 Reviewer

About the Author

I'm a merchant seaman by training. After graduation from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, I sailed for several years, and then spent over thirty years as a marine consultant. I traveled widely, saw interesting things, and lived in several countries. I've had the good fortune (and sometime misfortune) of knowing more than a few interesting characters, and bits and pieces of them populate my novels.

I write stories of people in extraordinary situations. Not superheroes, just ordinary people who screw up, but who rise to life's challenges when the occasion demands.

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Andrew Hall:

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Caleb Jones:

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