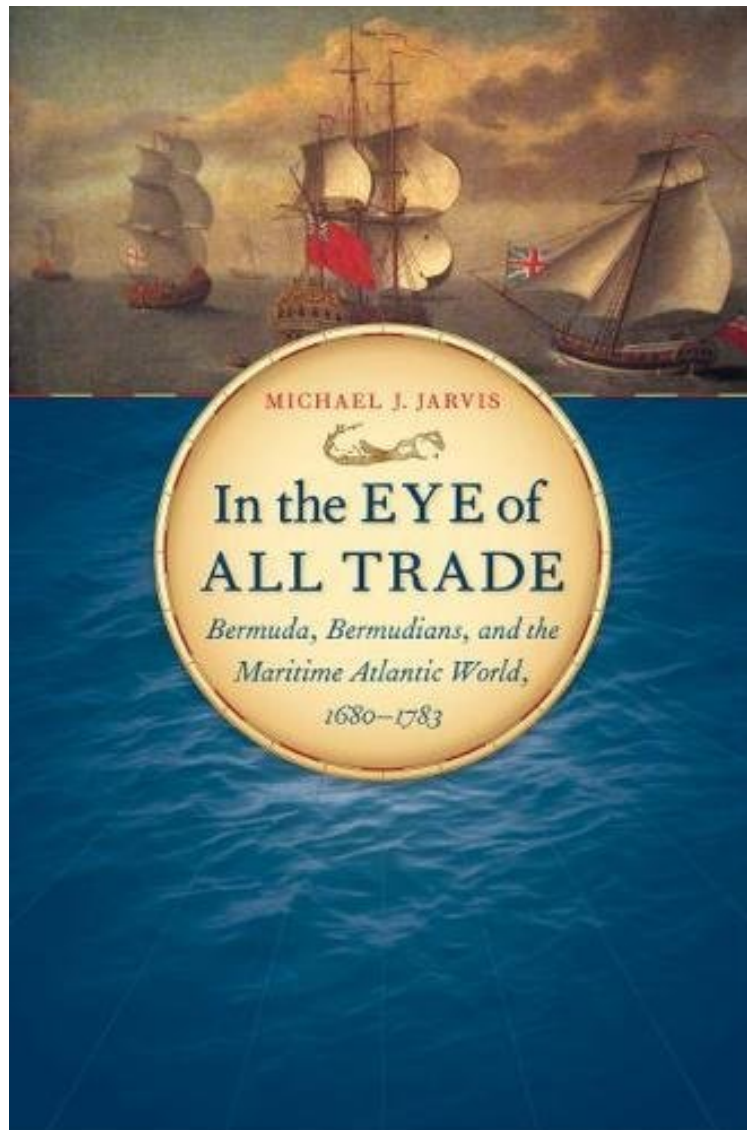


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Absolute jewel of a book! By Mitchell Anne Hagerstrom
The author burrowed through a spectacular amount of research in multiple libraries and archives in both England and North America, plus the rich holdings in the Bermuda Archives. Having myself been bitten by the Bermuda-bug in the mid-1990s, I both applaud and envy him. I remember reading a piece of his dissertation (the origins of this book) back in the early 2000s. I immediately realized I had stumbled across a jewel -- I still have that paper. I recommend this book to any and all with an interest in Bermuda history especially those who came by that interest through genealogy as I did. The Eye of All Trade gives a marvelous look at where so many of us came from (I still have distant relatives there). So many American families do not realize that a generation or two of their ancestors spent time on Bermuda before immigrating on mainland America. My ancestors arrived in Bermuda in the early days and stayed until about 1730. Since I'm merely an armchair researcher, Michael Jarvis's work means the world to me. A small warning -- the book is BIG and the print is necessarily rather small. I started it last summer and more or less read it between other books. I continued to pick this book up over and over again, and each time I would be instantly re-engrossed. I'm finding it very difficult to be patient waiting for his next book which is said to cover the earliest settlement up to 1680. I think the working title is Atlantic Crucible. Come on, Michael -- were waiting!
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In an exploration of the oceanic connections of the Atlantic world, Michael J. Jarvis recovers a mariner's view of early America as seen through the eyes of Bermuda's seafarers. The first social history of eighteenth-century Bermuda, this book profiles how one especially intensive maritime community capitalized on its position "in the eye of all trade." Jarvis takes readers aboard small Bermudian sloops and follows white and enslaved sailors as they shuttled cargoes between ports, raked salt, harvested timber, salvaged shipwrecks, hunted whales, captured prizes, and smuggled contraband in an expansive maritime sphere spanning Great Britain's North American and Caribbean colonies. In doing so, he shows how humble sailors and seafaring slaves operating small family-owned vessels were significant but underappreciated agents of Atlantic integration. The American Revolution starkly revealed the extent of British America's integration before 1775 as it shattered interregional links that Bermudians had helped to forge. Reliant on North America for food and customers, Bermudians faced disaster at the conflict's start. A bold act of treason enabled islanders to continue trade with their rebellious neighbors and helped them to survive and even prosper in an Atlantic world at war. Ultimately, however, the creation of the United States ended Bermuda's economic independence and doomed the island's maritime economy.

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