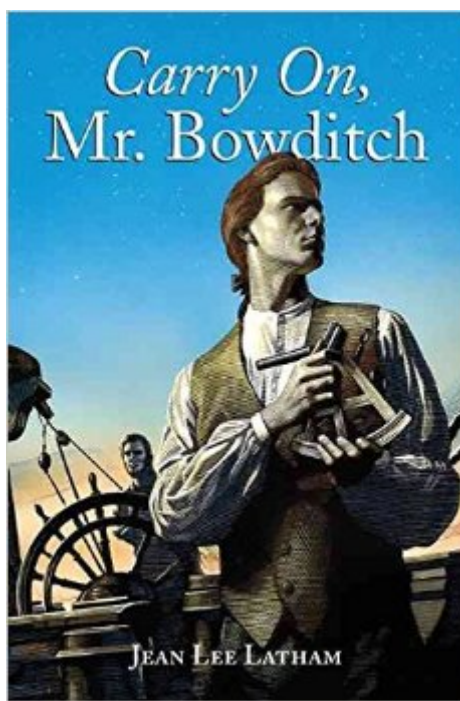


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Readers today are still fascinated by Nat, an eighteenth-century nautical wonder and mathematical wizard. Nathaniel Bowditch grew up in a sailor's world; Salem in the early days, when tall-masted ships from foreign ports crowded the wharves. But Nat didn't promise to have the makings of a sailor; he was too physically small. Nat may have been slight of build, but no one guessed that he had the persistence and determination to master sea navigation in the days when men sailed only by log, lead, and lookout. Nat's long hours of study and observation, collected in his famous work, *The American Practical Navigator* (also known as the *Sailor's Bible*), stunned the sailing community and made him a New England hero.

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Nathaniel Bowditch is incredibly intelligent. In school he did problems on his second day that even the most advanced students couldn't do. When he was very young his mother passed away, followed by his grandmother three months later. When he was twelve he was signed up as an apprentice by his father. As an apprentice he was not allowed to go anywhere unless he was given permission. He learned all about book keeping and navigation, and his intelligence rose. When he was released nine years later, he was given a job as bookkeeper and second mate on a ship. He ended up rewriting "Moore's Navigating Guide" because it had thousands of fatal mistakes, which had cost the lives of numerous sailors. He was eventually promoted to first mate and eventually

became captain of his own ship. He also had taught the sailors on most of his ships navigating, and discovered an easier way to use navigating devices. Carry on, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham is a great book about how determination can get you anywhere. This book was good because it had a human side. Nat was sad when his Mom died. Nat also got caught up in work often, and sometimes this would help him to take his minds off things. No matter how hard things got for Nat, whether humiliation or distress he kept on going which made him seem very human. Also in the book you could see how they impacted him because this book told his entire life and he would reflect on the things he had done later on in the book. I liked this book because it told Nat's whole life. In this book you really got to see how he matured while he was at sea, or with his marriages. You got to grow up with him and that made it seem really personal. You saw him go from a child to a young adult, and a young adult into a man.

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