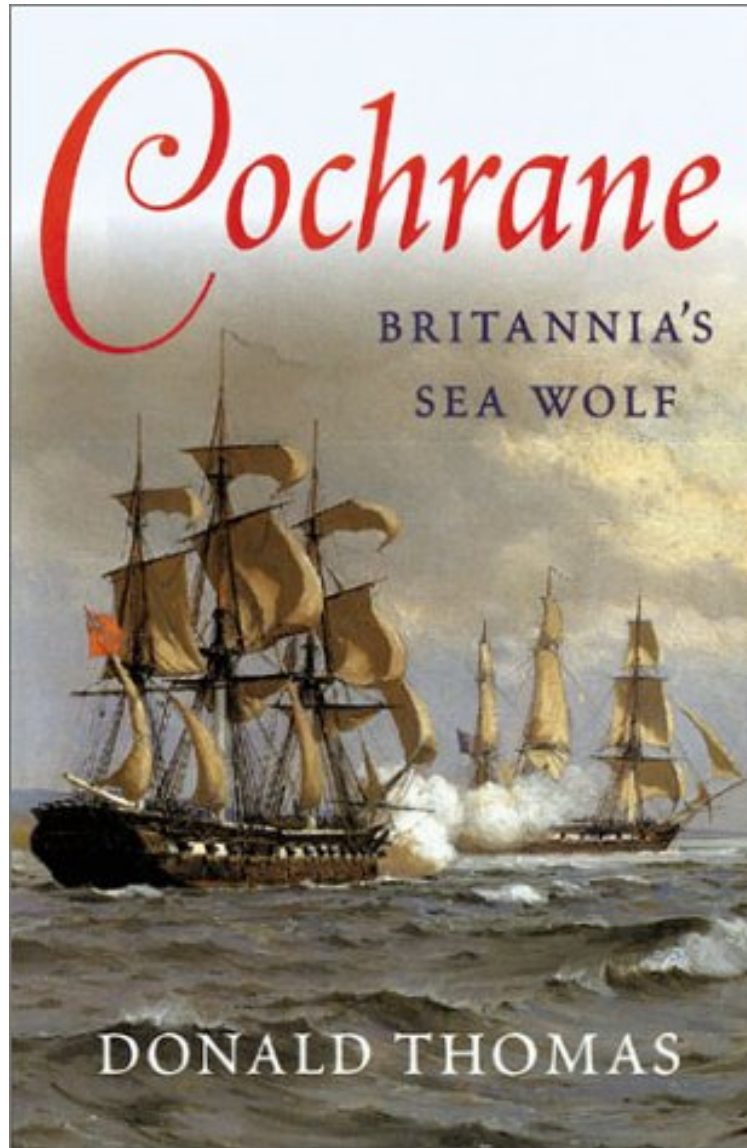


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CV. In the end, of course, the bad guys got him by smearing him (undeservedly) with rigging the stock exchange, gaoling him, throwing him out of the Navy and setting him on his career as liberator of oppressed and exploited colonial nations, where he is remembered far more kindly than in Britain. He was a man who thought large, whether about scientific innovation or the issues of nationhood. He was relentless in his pursuit of justice, for others as well as himself. He was also, at times, magnificently crazy: having spent most of his life fighting Napoleon he plots at the end to make the exiled emperor head of a 'united states of south america'. How different would world history have been had Napoleon, inconveniently, not died. There are several good biogs of Cochrane, but in my view this one is the best for enjoyable readability and bringing this exceptional man to vivid life in an age that has all but forgotten him.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The exploits of Thomas Cochrane are very nearly unbelievable and ...By Suzanne PaulsenThe exploits of Thomas Cochrane are very nearly unbelievable and for avid readers of O'Brien's Master and Commander series, this true life inspiration for those stories is an intense pleasure to read. In fact, it makes you wonder why O'Brien didn't include ALL of the adventures. He did, after all, have twenty volumes drawn from Cochrane.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Amazing story of an English Naval Hero nobody knows.By DonThe book came from a reference made in a Sharpe's novel by Bernard Cornwell. The book as well written, truly interesting reading for history buffs. It is an eye opening review of the political environment of the very early 1800 hundreds, the adventures of a daring and fearless English sea captain, and a story of the political cronyism and theft in the Admiralty at the time.

Daring and dashing, Thomas, Lord Cochrane led an extraordinary life. This bold commander, whose exploits far exceeded those of any fictional counterpart, was dubbed the "Sea Wolf" by no less than Napoleon himself. More than just a colorful military figure, however, Cochrane entered Parliament, became a radical reformer, and fought official corruption...earning powerful enemies in the process. They plotted revenge--and very nearly succeeded--but Cochrane's final triumph as a conquering hero remains one of the most amazing tales ever told.

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