



Beasts Royal: Twelve Tales of Adventure (Paperback)

By Patrick O Brian

HarperCollins Publishers, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Beasts Royal is the second book written by Patrick O Brian - made available, at last, for the first time since the 1930s and elegantly repackaged. On the indigo waters of the South Sea, the crew of a schooner are attacked by a man-eating tiger-shark. In the humid depths of the African jungle, a thirty-foot python plots to rid himself of his rival, a wily old crocodile. Amid the heat and dust of the Punjab, the snake-charmer Hussein escapes into the forest on the elephant that he trained when a mahout in his youth. With the dry wit and unsentimental precision O Brian would come to be loved for, we see the drama and tragedies of the natural world unfold for these, as well as other birds and beasts, in these twelve tales of animal adventure that would appear together in 1934 as the author's second book. O Brian's debut, Caesar, had been published in 1930 and became an instant success, seeing him hailed as the "boy-Thoreau". His second novel, Hussein, would expand upon one of the stories included in this collection and...

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