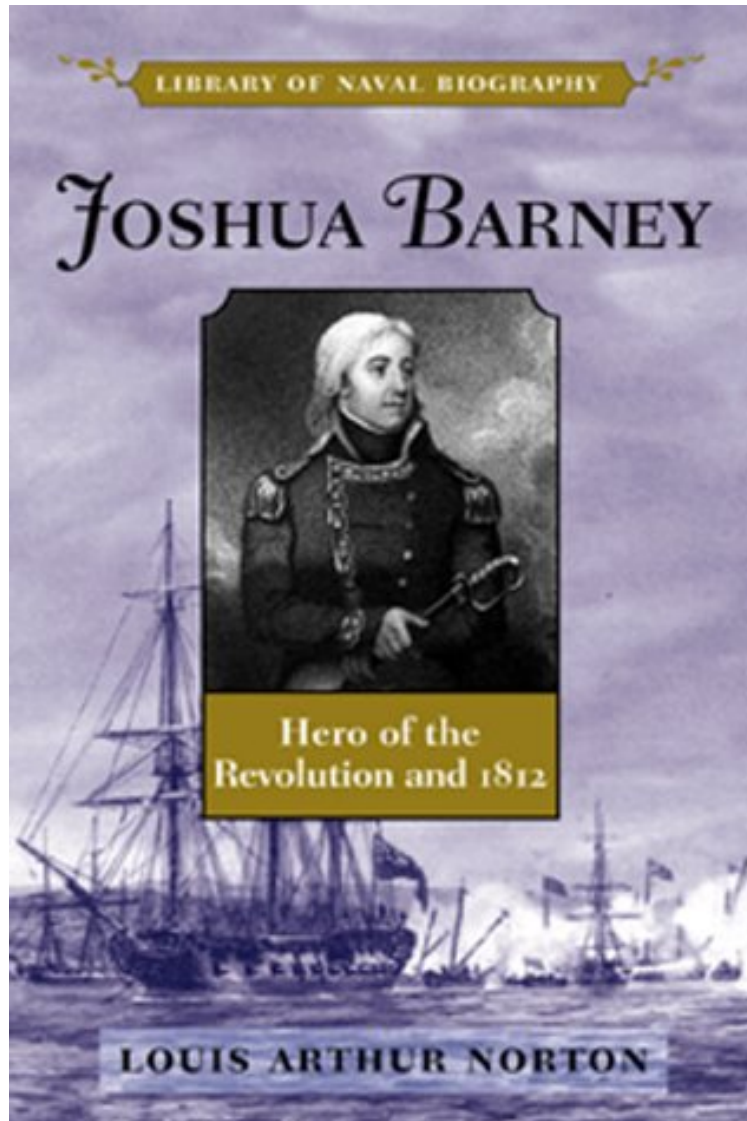


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From BooklistCommodore Joshua Barney took part in 35 Revolutionary War naval battles and was captured by the British three times. Twice he was exchanged for a British officer. The third time he was sent to the Old Mill Prison in Plymouth, England, from which he escaped. He was shipwrecked twice, and he put down one mutiny. Later Barney became a hero for his distinguished service during the War of 1812. In addition to his naval service, he commanded privateers flying the American and French flags, traded in the war-torn waters of the Caribbean and Europe, held various government offices, twice ran unsuccessfully for Congress, and made and lost several fortunes. Despite his impressive accomplishments--and this list touches on only a few of them--Barney's exploits have largely been forgotten. Norton's biography, the latest volume in the publisher's Library of Naval Biography series, is a much-needed retelling of the commodore's remarkable life and times. George CohenCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved