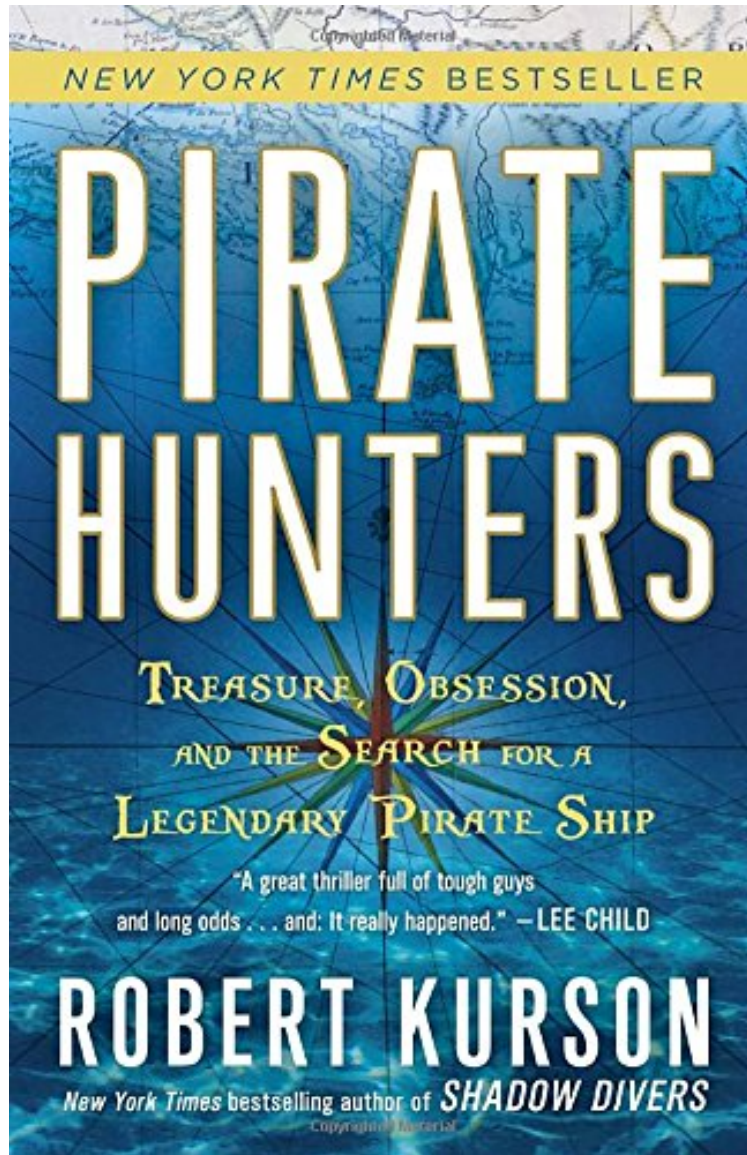


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**Robert Kurson : Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable, but not a keeper. By Charles Hall This book is engaging, but it's no "Shadow Divers". For one thing, there's not much plot and the author had to sort of create a narrative and stick in bits of Pirate history to glue it all together. Then the two primary personalities come off pretty badly. One is portrayed as crazy-violent, the other as an obsessed ego-maniac. I guess it's all meant to paint a picture, but it's a little too much personal information for me. The book also ends abruptly, with 97% devoted to a fruitless search and 3% a quick summary of what they found. So although I enjoyed reading it, and made it through to the end. It will not be a keeper and is headed to a used book store shortly. BTW, if you have not read "Shadow Divers", for Pete's Sake go get a copy now! Now that was an extraordinary tale. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nonfiction that reads like fiction... By Johanna Werbach I don't read a lot of nonfiction and when I do I want it to read as smoothly as fiction. This pretty much fit the bill, with an exciting account of seasoned treasure hunters / divers finding a wreck of a fairly obscure merchant-captain-turned-pirate, Joseph Bannister. The author went off on a multitude of tangents including in depth studies of the lives of the men searching for the ship (which were interesting but not terribly relevant), and I'd say the actual story focusing on the tactical search for the wreck only constituted about half the book. Also, without spoiling the ending, the main characters fly all over the place at great expense doing a ton of primary research, and then the biggest piece of the puzzle ends up being in a newly published book that you can buy on - that element had a feel of deus ex machina about it. But overall it was an enjoyable and quick read, and I did learn something about Bannister, the treasure hunting "business," and the dangerous techniques used in underwater recovery efforts. Would recommend. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Should be Pirate Finders! This one is worth your time and money. By Bill Black Excellent book. I know a pretty fair cross-section of the shipwreck hunting community and every word rings true. There is a good bit of backstory on John Chatterton and John Mattera as well as their partner, the extremely successful salvor Tracy Bowden, but it puts the story into context and gives a good peek into what it takes to find a shipwreck that has been lost/unidentified for centuries. It does not appear so from the armchair, but there is a lot of cerebral involvement in treasure hunting from the historical research to the abilities needed to do everything from fixing the outboard on the dinghy to operating a \$100,000 remote sensing array of magnetometer, sub-bottom profiler and sidescan sonar. Couple this intellect with the drive to keep going out every day to do the job, even on the days when fun is hard to find, and you have some pretty smart Type A folks. Sometimes Type A's clash, but they get a lot done. I wouldn't change a word. Well done to all involved. I am making plans to give dive Samana Bay . Dominican Republic here we come!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE A thrilling adventure of danger and deep-sea diving, historic mystery and suspense, by the author of Shadow Divers Finding and identifying a pirate ship is the hardest thing to do under the sea. But two men John Chatterton and John Mattera are willing to risk everything to find the Golden Fleece, the ship of the infamous pirate Joseph Bannister. At large during the Golden Age of Piracy in the seventeenth century, Bannister should have been immortalized in the lore of the seahis exploits more notorious than Blackbeards, more daring than Kidds. But his story, and his ship, have been lost to time. If Chatterton and Mattera succeed, they will make history it will be just the second time ever that a pirate ship has been discovered and positively identified. Soon, however, they realize that cutting-edge technology and a willingness to lose everything aren't enough to track down Bannister's ship. They must travel the globe in search of historic documents and accounts of the great pirates exploits, face down dangerous rivals, battle the tides of nations and governments and experts. But it's only when they learn to think and act like pirates like Bannister that they become able to go where no pirate hunters have gone before. Fast-paced and filled with suspense, fascinating characters, history, and adventure, Pirate Hunters is an unputdownable story that goes deep to discover truths and souls long believed lost. Praise for Pirate Hunters You won't want to put [it] down. Los Angeles Times An exceptional adventure . . . Highly recommended to readers who delight in adventure, suspense, and the thrill of discovering history at their fingertips. Library Journal (starred review) A terrific read . . . The book gallops along at a blistering pace, shifting us deftly between the seventeenth century and the present day. Diver Nonfiction with the trademarks of a novel: the plots and subplots, the tension and suspense . . . [Kurson has] found gold. The Dallas Morning News Rollicking . . . a fascinating [story] about the world of pirates, piracy, and priceless treasures. The Boston Globe [Kurson's] narration is just as engrossing as the subject. The Christian Science Monitor A wild ride [and an] extraordinary adventure . . . Kurson's own enthusiasm, combined with his copious research and an eye for detail, makes for one of the most mind-blowing pirate stories of recent memory, one that even the staunchest landlubber will have a hard time putting down. Publishers Weekly (starred review) The two contemporary pirate-ship seekers of Mr. Kurson's narrative are as daring, intrepid, tough and talented as Blood and Sparrow and Bannister. . . . As depicted by the author, they are real-life Hemingway heroes. The Wall Street Journal [Kurson] takes his knowledge of the underwater world and applies it to the Golden Age of Piracy . . . thrillingly detailing the highs and lows of chasing not just gold and silver but also history. Booklist A great thriller full of tough guys and long odds . . . and: Its all true. Lee

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