



## To the Walls of Derne: William Eaton, the Tripoli Coup, and the End of the First Barbary War

By Chipp Reid

Naval Institute Press. Hardcover. Condition: New. 376 pages. Chipp Reid, author of *Intrepid Sailors*, continues to tell the story of the war against the Barbary Pirates of Tripoli, Americas first overseas war. *To the Walls of Derne* recounts the 1804 naval campaign to unseat the ruler of Tripoli, Yusuf Karamanli. Using a three-pronged approach, President Thomas Jefferson first ordered the most powerful U. S. naval squadron the world had yet seen to the Mediterranean to begin the attack on Karamanli. Under the command of Commodore Samuel Barron, the squadron included many of the same officers who had made Commodore Edward Prebles summer campaign in 1804 a success. Barron, however, lacked Prebles aggressive spirit and he also had to contend with a debilitating illness. Meanwhile, President Jefferson gave Consul General Tobias Lear carte blanche to broker a peace treaty with Tripoli. Complicating his mission were the more than 300 American captives who had fallen into corsair hands in 1803. Although Lear could ransom them, he had orders to pay as little as possible for a treaty. Against this backdrop, there was a dramatic and daring attempt to oust Yusuf and replace him with his pro-American brother, Hamet. The mission was the...



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