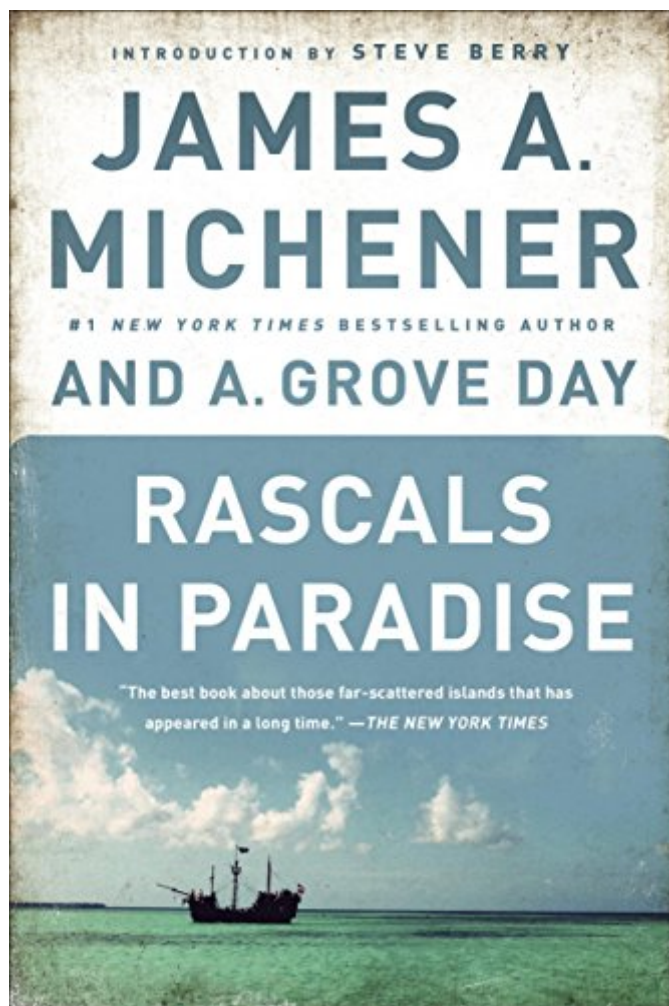




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# Rascals In Paradise



## Synopsis

In a thrilling collection of nonfiction adventure stories, James A. Michener returns to the most dazzling place on Earth: the islands that inspired *Tales of the South Pacific*. Co-written with A. Grove Day, *Rascals in Paradise* offers portraits of ten scandalous men and women, some infamous and some overlooked, including Sam Comstock, a mutinous sailor whose delusions of grandeur became a nightmare; Will Mariner, a golden-haired youth who used his charm to win over his captors; and William Bligh, the notorious HMS *Bounty* captain who may not have been the monster history remembers him as. From lifelong buccaneers to lapsed noblemen, in Michener and Day's capable hands these rogues become the stuff of legend. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's *Hawaii*. *Praise for Rascals in Paradise* "The best book about those far-scattered islands that has appeared in a long time . . . a portfolio of rare and ruthless personalities that is calculated to make the curliest hair stand straight on end." *The New York Times* "[Combines] research and scholarship (A. Grove Day was a professor at the University of Hawaii) with a gift for spinning a yarn and depicting character (Michener, journalist and novelist, needs no introduction)." *Kirkus Reviews*

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## Customer Reviews

Really loved it! It's non-fiction (just FYI). The authors mention other authors, like Louis Becke, Gavan Daws, and others, and my husband and I are reading those also. My husband loves the collection of 39 stories by Louis Becke, available on Kindle. Should this be required reading for young people, to warn them about the dangerous people in the world? I know I was way to sheltered and uninformed. I feel fortunate I made it to retirement age in tact (mostly).

I read this to learn more about the exploration and adventurers in the South Pacific which I enjoyed, but this isn't James Michener's writing so must be his co-author, A.Grove Day who is not nearly as effective-entertaining. Nonetheless I did learn and stimulate my interest in knowing more and visiting the islands.

I read this book back in the 70's but lost it. I ordered it for a friend.. reread it again, and gave it to him. He was also happy to receive and read it as Michener (as usual) has written a well crafted book using excellent research. If one is interested in sailing, the sea, and the true stories of pirates and scoundrels of years past; I would encourage you to read this book.

Michener's writing could always make watching grass grow an adventure, so it's no surprise that these pirates and con men make for interesting reading. The characters' fascination with religion, war and conquest seems dated until I look at current headlines, and realize some things never change.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book. I'm a huge fan of Michener! Well written and lots of different stories in here.

Some of the stories I really enjoyed others not so much. The good ones were really good though.

I've read a lot of Michener's books. This is neither one of the best or one of the worst. But it does tend to do well from a human interest point of view and does give some good insights about life in the south pacific.

Some stories were more interesting than other. For example, I like the story of Captain Bligh better than the last story about the artist.

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