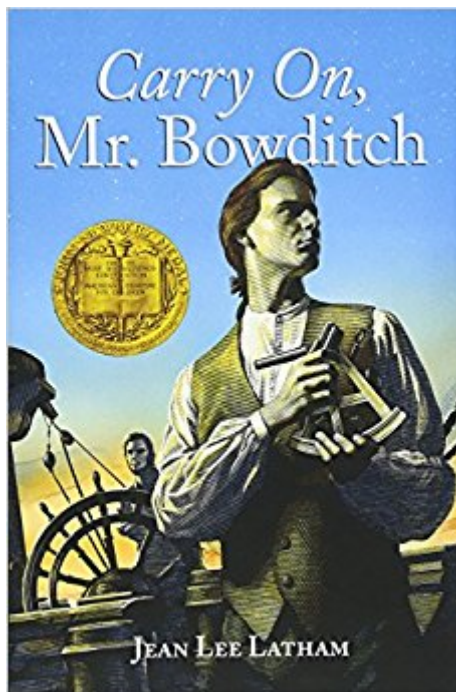


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# Carry On, Mr. Bowditch



## Synopsis

Readers today are still fascinated by *Nat*, an eighteenth-century nautical wonder and mathematical wizard. Nathaniel Bowditch grew up in a sailor's world in Salem in the early days, when tall-masted ships from foreign ports crowded the wharves. But Nat didn't promise to have the makings of a sailor; he was too physically small. Nat may have been slight of build, but no one guessed that he had the persistence and determination to master sea navigation in the days when men sailed only by log, lead, and lookout. Nat's long hours of study and observation, collected in his famous work, *The American Practical Navigator* (also known as the *Sailors' Bible*), stunned the sailing community and made him a New England hero.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Illustrations, rich in detail, by John O'Hara Cosgrave II add authenticity and value." School Library Journal, Starred --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jean Lee Latham was born in 1902 in Buckhannon, West Virginia. At an early age, she became a prolific writer, penning works of fiction and nonfiction, as well as theater scripts. Ever since its debut, *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* has acquired an intrigued group of sea-loving fans.

I really loved this book and so did by two teens. This is a very dynamic book, I love how Nat wanted to enrich his life by continuing to learn at every opportunity. He taught himself several languages by reading the Bible and comparing it with English. He is such a good example. I recommend everyone read this book!

may have been written for kids, but every adult should read this...amazing man....wish we had more like him today!

Excellent! Shows how self-directed learning can be superior to conveyor-belt education--in many ways. Very thoughtful.

Excellent historical biography. Full of rich language and knowledge. Such perseverance!

Superb!My mother used to read this book to me when I was little, and I have always loved it! When her copy began falling apart, I bought her a new one as a gift for her to take on her cruise.With an updated cover, the book contents remain the same as on our old copy. The same font is used, the page layout, and the same illustrations decorate the book, bringing back many memories.As it was a new book, it was in excellent condition. No pages torn, bent, or scribbled on. The shipping was prompt, packaging great, and it arrived in time for my parents to take on their cruise!

What a beautiful and inspiring story that shows the depth of noble character present in Nathaniel Bowditch, as he courageously faced many trials, losses and disappointments throughout his life, and used every opportunity - good or bad - to better himself. We need to read more inspiring biographies such as this one. I highly recommend this book for both the young and old.

My son is 12 and had to read this as a required book for his classical curriculum. He was hesitant to read it because he assumed classical books meant Boring! He read it in one night and couldn't wait to tell me all about it the next day. It is a wonderful story based on a real man, Nathaniel Bowditch who loved school, especially mathematics. The boy who once complained about math hasn't uttered one complaint since reading this book.

I think this is probably my favorite book now (and I've read a LOT of books). The story is extremely

well written and engaging, even for my four year old. It gives a true to life experience of life in the new America. I highly recommend it, especially for anyone homeschooling. The quality of the hardcover version I got was top-notch. It has great hand-feel and opens easily, and yet is very sturdy. I hope to pass it on for a few generations!

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