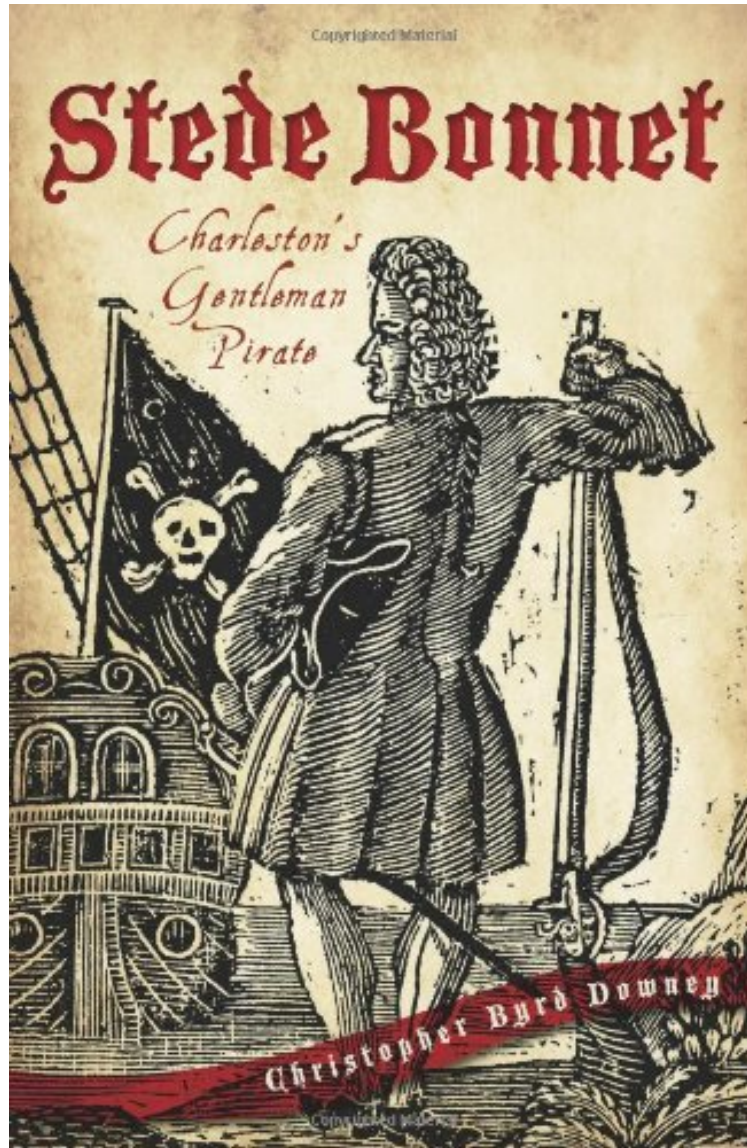


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Christopher Byrd Downey : Stede Bonnet:: Charleston's Gentleman Pirate before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stede Bonnet:: Charleston's Gentleman Pirate:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Set Sail for AdventureBy Tenn. RA MasonI first became aware of the pirate Stede Bonnet when, as a boy, I wandered upon the pirate marker at White Point Garden while on vacation in Charleston. Years later, as a young sailor in the U.S. Navy stationed in Charleston, I spent many an afternoon re-reading the marker, walking around the Battery, and wondering where Bonnet's body might be buried. As a middle age

man, who among us hasn't entertained fantasies about slipping away to adventure? Bonnet's story is both goofy and captivating. I know it by heart. Christopher Byrd Downey - "Captain Byrd" - does the tale great service. If you are a Bonnet enthusiast, there aren't any real revelations. If you are new to his story, I recommend Downey's treatment. As familiar as I am with it, Stede Bonnet: Charleston's Gentleman Pirate is still an informative and entertaining read. The illustrations add to the book and help the read visualize the Golden Age of Piracy in Colonial America. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dread Pirate Stede By Sam Valentino A good book, very informative and entertaining as well. I bought it after reading the author's intro online - he explains why he wanted to write about Bonnet, and it's a touching story. The only reason I didn't give this five stars is because his interpretation of Stede is no different than any other book, though he said it would be. He said that Bonnet is always portrayed as a buffoon, and he hoped to change that. Unfortunately, he didn't - I suppose the facts as laid out lie more in the buffoon direction. So I was hoping for a new interpretation, but it was more sympathetic than different. That aside, however, it is a great source on the subject. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very well written! By Michael Graham I gave this book 5 stars because it was everything that I wanted it to be - It was a short, well-written account of Charleston's Gentleman Pirate. I have read many longer historical works that were not as well organized or entertaining. I picked it up after a short vacation in Charleston that left me wanting to know more about the city and the pirates that prowled off her coast. I would recommend it to those who want a quick and lively read about a real pirate - and an unusual one at that. It would even be perfect for the beach (and better than the young adult fiction your significant other is reading, since you will actually learn something). Christopher Byrd Downey (Captain Byrd) now has a new fan and I will pick up his other book about Charleston and the Golden Age of Piracy. When I return to Charleston, I will also look up his boat tour!

Hundreds of pirates traversed the waters of the Atlantic during America's colonial period, but few had a more adventurous tale than Stede Bonnet. Originally a wealthy plantation owner from Barbados, Bonnet abandoned his wife and children in 1717 to set sail on the pirate ship *Revenge*. He soon fell into company with Blackbeard in the Bahamas and headed for America. In May 1718, they arrived in Charleston and held the entire city hostage in a daring siege. Bonnet was eventually captured in North Carolina and transported back to Charleston, where he was brought to justice and executed on December 10, 1718. Join local pirate tour guide Captain Christopher Byrd Downey as he recounts the swashbuckling life of the most infamous pirate to ever darken the Holy City's waters.

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