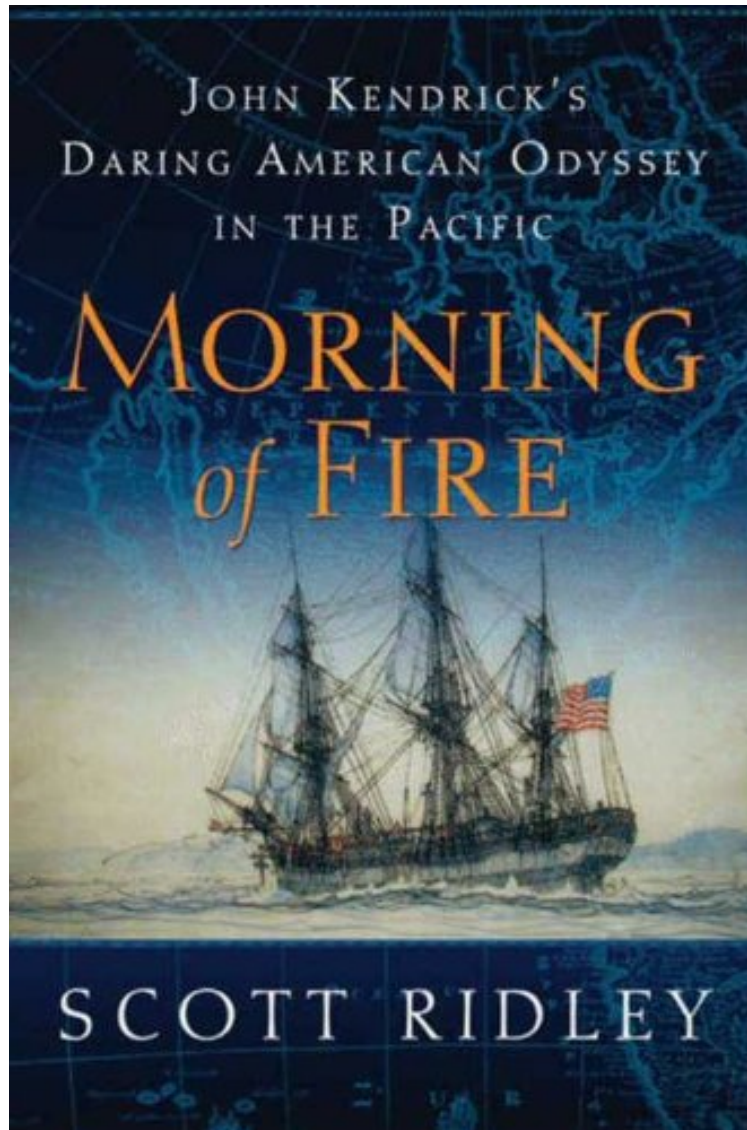


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. History, Action...Pick It Up!Von James Gallen"Morning of Fire" brings to life American sailor John Kendrick's trail blazing

voyages into the Pacific. Set in the early days of the Republic, 1788-1794, it tells of an early American outreach to the far side of the continent. This saga is set in an era in which the United States consisted of states bordering on the Atlantic. Despite this eastern orientation Kendrick, a former privateer, engaged in exploration, trade and big power politics along the coast of what is now the American Northwest, Vancouver Island, Hawaii and Macau. Amidst the rivalries between the British, Spanish and Russians, Kendrick staked out a place for America, although one that would receive little follow-up in succeeding decades. Although Kendrick is little known today, the cast includes such prominent characters as Captains James Cook, George Vancouver and King Kamehameha of Hawaii. I believe that the promotional material overstates the roles of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, who receive very little mention. The action is riveting. To read of the long sailing voyages, with the struggles against the elements, treachery and disease and the jockeying for position among the natives makes for an adventure tale. Author Scott Ridley introduces the reader to perspectives of history to be found in few popular books. I was particularly interested in the sections about Kamehameha's wars for the unification of Hawaii and his interplay with the European powers contending for influence in his paradise kingdom. I would say that its history, while interesting, is on the periphery of my usual interests. I think that I was more attracted by the writing style. You could say that it is a blend, more history than Patrick O'Brian and more action than Stephen Ambrose; pretty impressive comparisons. If you are interested in history of the West Coast or Hawaii you will love it. If you like tales of exploration you will not be able to put it down. Wherever your interests lie, pick it up.

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