

# The Iberian Flame: A Captivating Historical Journey - Thomas Kydd Book 20

The Iberian Flame is the captivating twentieth installment in the popular Thomas Kydd series, written by internationally acclaimed historical fiction author Julian Stockwin. In this remarkable addition to the series, Stockwin takes readers on an unforgettable journey through the tumultuous and treacherous waters of the early 19th century.

Set during the Napoleonic Wars, The Iberian Flame offers readers a thrilling tale packed with adventure, bravery, and the resolute spirit that defined the Royal Navy during this era. Stockwin's meticulous research and attention to detail bring the past to life, immersing readers in historical events and the struggles faced by characters alike.

## The Plot

In The Iberian Flame, Stockwin skillfully weaves a tale that follows Thomas Kydd, a loyal and dedicated officer in the Royal Navy. Kydd finds himself serving aboard the 74-gun ship of the line, Duke of Clarence, commanded by Admiral Nelson himself.



## The Iberian Flame: Thomas Kydd 20

by Julian Stockwin(Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 4.6 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 3666 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 355 pages



As the story unfolds, Kydd becomes entangled in a dangerous mission. He must navigate the treacherous waters of the Iberian Peninsula, where danger lurks at every turn. Kydd's mission is to seek out and intercept a French ship believed to be carrying a substantial amount of gold and other valuable cargo, desperately needed by the British war effort. Alongside Kydd, readers will experience the perils of naval warfare, encounter intriguing characters, and witness the untold heroism that shaped history.

## **The Historical Significance**

Stockwin's attention to historical accuracy is commendable. Through vivid descriptions, readers are transported to a time of naval supremacy. The Iberian Flame delves into the strategic importance of the Iberian Peninsula during the Napoleonic Wars, shedding light on the challenges faced by both sides. The story captures the conflict between Britain and France, bringing forth the fascinating political and military intricacies that shaped the outcome of the war.

Moreover, Stockwin showcases the daily life of sailors during this era, delving into their struggles, dreams, and unwavering loyalty to their country. The author's portrayal of naval battles, ship maneuvers, and life on board provides a detailed insight into the inner workings of a ship, captivating history enthusiasts and fans of maritime adventures alike.

## **Thomas Kydd: A Heroic Protagonist**

One of the highlights of *The Iberian Flame* is the development of the protagonist, Thomas Kydd himself. From his humble beginnings as a

pressed man to his ascension through the ranks of the Royal Navy, Kydd embodies the determination, courage, and resilience of an exceptional leader. Stockwin skillfully explores Kydd's personal growth, making him relatable and endearing to readers.

Kydd's moral dilemmas, his internal struggles, and his unwavering commitment to his crew add depth to the character, making him a hero worth rooting for. As readers become invested in Kydd's journey, they will find themselves emotionally engaged and eagerly turning the pages, eager to discover the outcome of his extraordinary adventure.

The Iberian Flame is a captivating addition to the Thomas Kydd series, offering readers an enthralling and historically accurate adventure. Julian Stockwin's meticulous research, compelling storytelling, and vivid descriptions make this book a must-read for fans of naval fiction and admirers of historical fiction alike.

In this latest installment, readers will witness the triumphs and challenges faced by Thomas Kydd as he navigates through the dangers of the Napoleonic Wars. The Iberian Flame is an epic tale that reminds us of the heroism and sacrifice of those who sailed the high seas, defending their country and shaping the course of history.



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1808. With the Peninsula in turmoil, Napoleon Bonaparte signs a treaty to dismember Portugal and put his brother, Joseph, on the throne of Spain.

Meanwhile, Nicholas Renzi, the Lord Farndon, undertakes a deadly mission to stir up partisan unrest to disrupt this Napoleonic alliance with Spain.

Thrust into the crucible of the uprising, Captain Sir Thomas Kydd is dismayed to come up against an old foe from his past - now his superior and commander - who is determined to break him. Kydd will soon face the greatest decision of his professional career.

Bonaparte, incensed by the reverses suffered to his honour, gathers together a crushing force and marches at speed into Spain. After several bloody encounters the greatly outnumbered British expedition have no option other than make a fighting retreat to the coast. Only the Navy can save them.

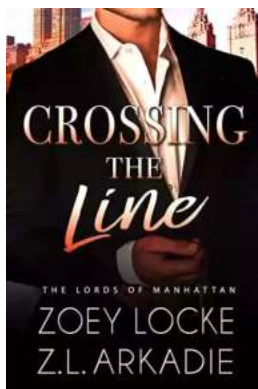
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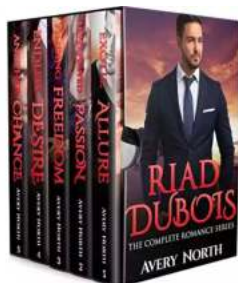
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