

About the author of this book:

SEYMOUR GATES POND commenced his life on the ocean at the age of twelve as an apprentice aboard coasting schooners of the California-Mexican coast. "Since that time," says Mr. Pond, "salt water has never entirely left my bloodstream."

Mr. Pond is also a military aviator, explorer and experienced author. His stories of adventure have appeared in many national magazines, and he has sold many travel articles with his own photographs. During the last war he was an Intelligence Staff Officer and Lieutenant Colonel, and a member of the O.S.S. Immediately following the war he resumed his life of roving on the high seas.

About the illustrator of this book:

JACK COGGINS was born in London and came to the United States as a boy. Even as a youngster he was interested in ships and sailing. After studying at the Grand Central School of Art and the Art Students League in New York, he devoted most of his time to marine painting. During World War II he painted numerous illustrations for *Life* and was a U. S. Army artist correspondent for *Yank Magazine* overseas. He has also illustrated many children's books including *Fighting Ships of the U. S. Navy*; *Rockets, Jets, Guided Missiles and Space Ships*; and *All About Rockets and Jets*.