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Pity poor Captain Alan Lewrie, Royal Navy! He's been wind-muzzled for weeks in Portsmouth, snugly tucked into a warm shore bed with lovely, and loving, Lydia Stangbourne, a Viscount's daughter, and beginning to enjoy indulging his idle streak, when Admiralty tears Lewrie away and order him to the Bahamas, into the teeth of ferocious winter storms. It's enough to make a rakehell such as he weep and kick furniture!

At least his new orders allow Lewrie to form a small squadron from what ships he can dredge up at Bermuda and New Providence and hoist his first broad pendant, even if it is the lesser version, and style himself a Commodore.

Lewrie is to scour the shores of Cuba and Spanish Florida, the Keys and the Florida Straits in search of French and Spanish privateers which have been taking British merchantmen at an appalling rate, and call upon neutral American seaports to determine if privateers are getting aid and comfort from that quarter. Lewrie is to be "Diplomatic." Diplomatic? Lewrie? Not bloody likely!

To solve the problem and find the answers will put Lewrie in touch with old friends, old foes, and more frustration than a dog has fleas. As usual, though, Captain Alan Lewrie will find his own unique way to fulfill his duties, and in the doing, find some fun in his own irrepressible manner!

*Reefs and Shoals* is the 18th installment in the Alan Lewrie series, from Dewey Lambdin, "The brilliantly stylish American master of salty-tongued British naval tales" (*Kirkus Reviews*).

### Reefs and Shoals Details

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### Ericfg says

The Warshington Times said "Lambdin is closing in on Patrick O'Brian as the most prolific historical novelist to celebrate a Royal Navy mariner." Indeed, he's three behind the great O'Brian's tally. And while sheer numbers of books may not equal greatness they must mean something, no?

I'm speaking more about Lambdin's series in this review than this one book. The mysterious Mister Lambdin (does anybody have any details at all about the man besides that one image of him??) is no Patrick O'Brian, but then who these days is? But he IS a great writer of military fiction.

If you're a fan of Cornwell's Sharpe or Saxon stories then this will be right in your wheelhouse.

There does tend to be, in latter Lambdin novels a lot of what one might consider mundane details. If one likes bloody battle scenes one after another this might be an issue. On the other hand if one appreciates the fleshing-out of a character you might like it.

Lambdin will, ever so often, be a bit a graphic about the hero's sexual conquests. That's part of his appeal I suspect, but if you are a prude you may not enjoy what is described as a "lion's mane" and whatnot.

O'Brian a solid 4.9

Cornwell 4.5+

Lambdin 4.2 or so.

Forester - I need to read him again but 4+ easily.

Yeah, Lambdin's that good.

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### Florence Primrose says

Once again Captain Lewrie is sailing his British ship, this time charged to patrol off Cuba , Florida and the southeastern Unitee Ststes in early 1800s.

This is an engaging story of life aboard this Beirish warship as they attempt to seize privateers.

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### Brenda Jones says

I have been getting Dewey Lambdin's books from the library, and so I have not been reading them in the order that they were written, but I have found that each book stands on its on, and even though I have not been reading them in order, I can follow the series of events very easily. Mr. Lambdin writes in a way that is easy to follow, and enticing to read. I have to confess that I do not know much about naval history or sailing ships, but I enjoy reading Lambdin's description of the above, and after reading a few of his books, I am more familiar with both. I look forward to reading another of Lambdin's books!

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### Cyrus says

Good Book. I have enjoyed the whole series. If you like Forrester's Horatio Hornblower or Bernard Cornwell, try these.

## **D.w. says**

Lambdin provides with the 18th adventure of his hero Alan Lewrie, a series that certainly has legs. Here, unlike the previous few books, we spend 80% of our time in naval action, and 20% of our time back in Port in England, a reverse of what we had seen in the last three novels. And that is well worth it.

It is the time after the Peace of Amiens has ended and before Trafalgar, though we end knowing that the enemy fleet is out in the Atlantic. Fortunately for Sir Alan, Baronet, he has been given a squadron, though his is the only ship of Rate, to cleanse privateers from the coast of Florida. (A Spanish Colony at the time)

Following his adventures one can grasp a true feel for life on ship and the trials of a Sea Captain, perhaps more so than Forester or O'Brien left us with, even more than Kent and Pope as well. Stockwell's Kydd comes close but as time has taken this series to so many books, Lambdin has done better and better research and one gets a feeling with his citing of facts, detail and use of idiom that the author has become a master over his period.

The Alan Lewrie series, and this addition to it, is well worth the time.

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## **Shane Wilson says**

This one was not up to par with his other books. It was very tame and predictable.

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## **Reginaldo Almeida says**

Awesome! Nice story, great depiction of the Caribbean and the southern North American coast. Looking forward to reading other books of the Alan Lewrie series.

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## **Jim says**

The year is 1805, the year of Trafalgar, and Sir Alan Captain Lewrie, Baronet, is ordered, as captain of the frigate, HMS Reliant, to Bermuda, there to form a small squadron to combat French and Spanish privateers, who are wreaking havoc on British commercial vessels.

Lewrie spends most of the year in this endeavor, coasting from Key West to as far north as Wilmington, NC, seeking the hideouts of privateers. He also has the opportunity to visit Wilmington, Charleston and Savannah (all of which are described in colorful terms by the author.

This is another of the great Alan Lewrie naval adventures by Dewey Lambdin. Once you read one, you are hooked for all of them!

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### **David Rubin says**

Captain Alan Lewrie takes us from his bedroom (occupied by one other person) to the Caribbean Sea and the United States for this land and sea conflict. What I like about Dewey Lambdin is that he patiently explains many of the details of fighting ships of the 18th and 19th centuries. The fun of these novels lies not only in the plot lines and adventures but the incredible high-technology of sailing and fighting during this era. Bring on more, Mr. Lambdin.

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### **Thomas S says**

Picked this at random off the "just in" shelf at the Westport library. Apparently, there is a whole series of "Alan Lewrie" -- very similar I would guess to the much more popular Patrick O'Brian naval series (one of which, Master and Commander, was made into a movie starring that Aussie or Kiwi actor whose name escapes me -- not Mel Gibson). This one takes place in waters that I am somewhat familiar with -- Bermuda, Bahamas, Florida Keys, Savannah, Charleston -- and should have been a great read. Unfortunately, the characters all seem a little two-dimensional and certainly too upbeat. Winston Churchill supposedly said that British naval tradition can be summed with the words "rum, sodomy and the lash." There was just too much light-spirited high-jinks and camaraderie in this story.

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### **Bethel says**

I think this is # 18 in the series. I have only read 2. This most likely is not for everyone but if you like British naval history? I like it and if I had been born a man I think I would have been a sailor!

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### **M\_latimer says**

I'm a big fan of Captain Sir Alan Lewrie.

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### **Michael Rhode says**

Not much action as Lewrie is in American waters while Nelson pursues the French fleet, but a pleasant read.

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### **April says**

Jumping into a series at book 18 isn't always a good choice. But I found I could keep p with this story no problem. I found the first few chapters hard to keep attention on, but eventually I was hooked.

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## **Aspen Junge says**

I read the entire series largely back-to-back (my local public library is well-stocked). One of the great things about this series is that we get to watch Alan Lewrie, the main character, grow up from a callow, self-indulgent teenager to a mature, thoughtful, and responsible adult.

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