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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have really enjoyed the Bolitho novels By peter waugaman I have really enjoyed the Bolitho novels, after you've read a few you start to pick up on the formula, but any writer who writes these long epic sagas falls into a formula of one sort or another to keep their audience riveted one book to the next. Some people may say this is a spoiler, but the only way that is true, is if you haven't read the previous book in the series, and if that is the case, you have no business reading this book anyway. This is the book that follows the death of the authors most beloved main character from all the preceding novels, and if you're a fan and had fallen in love with that character, this book will seem dark depressing, and at least for me; because it was so well done that it would very plausibly read like real life in such an instant; felt like an utter betrayal by the author. So to the author, from the pit of my soul I say, I hate you!!!! and , well done!! 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Superb treatment of a Napoleonic Sideshow that Churchill would have loved. By A traveling Man Alexander Kent has chosen an interesting but unsung theme for the Inshore Squadron, the British expedition against Denmark. It is a fine choice of topics and allows for a great deal of character development. What makes it more interesting for me was that in 1978 I had spent a long weekend (I was stationed in Berlin at the time) at a conference in Copenhagen. It was with a sense of amazement that I saw this book on the book rack at the British post exchange (NAAFI) and after reading a few pages, just had to have it. I devoured the book in a sitting and have, been reading it constantly ever since. It has become a firm friend. Now I want to take the book and my Japanese wife and revisit both the city and the setting for the book to

see the city through Bolitho's eyes. Richard Bolitho, now a flag officer himself, is thrust into the frontlines of nautical diplomacy. He is discovering that it takes more skill running the gauntlet of politics than it ever took in a broadside to broadside action. Now he is given the overall mission and learns that if he succeeds, no one will know and if he fails, he will be relieved of duty without a moment's hesitation by the Admiralty, and in all likelihood be unemployed forever. In the midst of this hazardous assignment, he meets a woman that he is drawn to. Belinda is the cousin of one of Bolitho's former officers, who was also his brother-in-law and whose sister, Bolitho married only to lose her later in a coach accident. They meet coincidentally when her coach is in an accident and Bolitho's coach is first on the scene. Deja vu? The relationship builds but not smoothly. Belinda knows of Bolitho's first wife and in fact vaguely resembles her. She knows this and doesn't want to be seen as a replacement for his first wife. It is this undercurrent that follows their relationship and you wonder, if in fact, she is right and where will they go from here. Adam Bolitho is now a lieutenant and we start to see that he is more his father's son than his uncle's nephew. Dueling rears its ugly head again for Bolitho. His brother fled to America after killing an officer in a duel and it seems like Adam is riding down the same road. Thomas Herrick is back again as flag captain. He has matured as a captain and also has a grounding influence on Bolitho. He grows in his role of flag captain and is no longer looking over his shoulder for Bolitho's approval or sanction. Instead when faced with a crisis, Herrick acts first and informs his admiral later - as a matter of routine. All these characters are thrust into the campaign to neutralize Denmark and the threat it would be to communications between the UK and Russia. The combat between the Royal Navy and Royal Danish Navy is brutal and no-holds-barred. One would think it would be no contest but the Danes don't fold after a token resistance, they are in the fight to the bitter end. The Danish Navy is shattered but it is not without cost to the Royal Navy. Thanks to Bolitho the operation is a success, but if he had failed, it might have gone the other way, with incalculable damage to Britain's ability to combat Napoleon. All together, this is a well-written book with interesting and absorbing plot twists and character development. One of the scenes that stays with me now, is Bolitho riding through Copenhagen, during his diplomatic mission, and wondering what it would be like to explore this very interesting city in peacetime. Maybe Bolitho is getting tired of the non-stop sea war he has faced since he was a teenager, 30 years before. Hmm. I highly recommend this book as a valued addition to any Kent library and it is a fine reference to details of the little-known and regarded 1st Battle of Copenhagen. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... - there is not one that I would highly recommend. Kent has a way of deeply drawing you ... By Kiwi Cove Long fan of Alexander Kent's Bolitho Series - there is not one that I would highly recommend. Kent has a way of deeply drawing you into the hero and sidekick characters of this wonderful series. While I am not a sailor, so I am not hugely excited by the background technical details of wooden-decked and sailing ships, (and this detail is entirely supportive of the story, not overwhelming), the interaction of the characters, their inner needs, thoughts, fears, hopes, are brought alive by Kent's writing. If anyone would want to test and think about the trials and challenges of small and larger organizational leadership, then this is the series. Very much in the tradition of C.S. Forester and Hornblower, and definitely in the class of Patrick O'Brien and the Aubrey/Maturin series.