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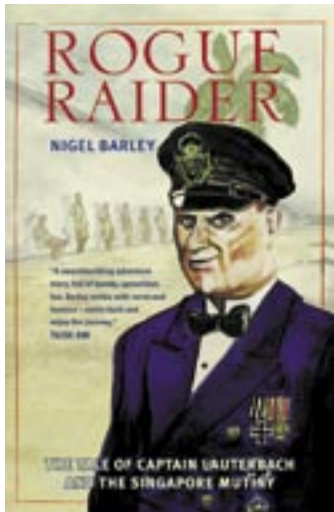
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Highly acclaimed British author **Nigel Barley** brings an important slice of Singapore history vividly to life with this fast-paced, humorous work of historical fiction.

Rogue Raider

The tale of Captain Lauterbach and the Singapore Mutiny



SINGAPORE, 25 SEPTEMBER 2006 — *Rogue Raider* is a humorous fictionalised history set during the First World War in Singapore, Indonesia and China, which centres on a lovable rogue in the form of Captain Julius Lauterbach of the German Imperial Navy and the ship that catapulted Lauterbach to accidental fame (and infamy), His Imperial Majesty's *Emden*.

“For Singapore, the most dramatic events of World War I were two interrelated incidents: raids by the German cruiser *Emden*; and the Sepoy Mutiny of February 1915.” *Singapore: The Encyclopedia* (Editions Didier Millet, Sept 2006) [see entry “World War I”].

For every austere virtue of the *Emden*'s noble, ruthless and gentlemanly commander Lieutenant-Commander Karl von Mueller, it seems Julius Lauterbach possessed the corresponding vice. He was a beer-guzzling, cigar-smoking filcher, a braggart and, above all, a survivor. A seasoned sailor, the “Flashmanesque” Lauterbach was familiar with Asia, spoke many local languages and had more than one lady in every port of call. He was made prize officer on the *Emden*, in charge of loot, and never was a person so perfectly suited to his job.

When the *Emden* was finally stopped by the Australian HMAS *Sydney*, Lauterbach found himself a German prisoner of war in the old Tanglin barracks of Singapore. Through his bored fantasies however, he unwittingly triggered a mutiny by Muslim troops of the British garrison, used the diversion to make his escape from Singapore and threw the whole course of the war in doubt. During the Sepoy Mutiny, the British lost control of Singapore, its European inhabitants fled to the ships in the harbour and it was only with the help of Japanese marines that the British Empire was saved.

Rogue Raider is split into three parts: the first follows Lauterbach's adventures aboard the *Emden*, the second his incarceration in Singapore and his triggering of the Singapore Mutiny, while the third part follows his flight from the British through Asia to America and back to Germany.

Rogue Raider is fictionalised history but a true history that was deliberately suppressed by the British authorities of the time as too embarrassing and dangerous to be known. Revealed here, it brings vividly to life the Southeast Asia of the period, its sights, its sounds and its rich mix of people. And through it, Julius Lauterbach, an unwilling participant in the war, becomes an accidental hero.

“A swashbuckling adventure story, full of bawdy, uproarious fun. Barley writes with verve and humour—settle back and enjoy the journey.” Tash Aw, author of *The Harmony Silk Factory*

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