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Ramage hopes to enjoy a well-deserved leave when he receives new orders: commission and take command of the Dido—a massive 74-gun ship, that carries enough weight of metal to destroy a frigate in a single broadside, or sweep a ship's decks clear of men. Accompanied by the courageous crew of the Calypso, Ramage ventures to sea once again—bound for the West Indies where he faces the challenge of commanding this massive weapon of war.

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James Shearer says

Good story, too bad this is the last of the series

Murat says

It has been 2 days since I finished reading the book but still I have re-reading details in my mind. It is probably because it is the last book of the series (Dudley Pope died before writing another book) After the first books (read 17 of the 18) I remember I was happy to see the hero does not get a promotion after each book. But now after I have seen that Ramage is commanding a ship of the line, and not even a big one that is, I am wondering how good the books might have been if he got promoted quicker in the story

Debbie says

I have read all the Dudley Pope Lord Ramage books and I enjoyed them very much. I'm only sorry I'm not sailing in the West Indies or the Mediteranian right now...

Ronald Meinung says

The last of the Lord Ramage series of Napolionic era nautical fiction. The book ended with Ramage awaiting new orders for a special mission. Unfortunately Mr Pope's failing health and subsequent death apparently kept that from happening. Apart from the continued invincibility of the lead character, the book continued the well written series. Rampage returns to the West Indies where he tackles the French after being promoted into his first ship of the line, the 74 gun Dido. As her Captain he captures, sinks, and burns his way through the French fleets both on the way to and in the islands. Mr Pope's writing will appeal to those interested in nautical fiction in the age of sail, as well as fans of Forrester, Kent, and Lambdin.

Mike says

It is with a heavy heart that, after eight months, I finished the 18th and final Lord Ramage book. Alas, no more age of fighting sail books to be written by Pope or, the master, O'Brian.

Bob Cantrell says

The last in a thrilling series of books. Bigger ship no problem for Damage and his crew, they still wreak havoc against the French.

Becky says

So sorry to see this series end. Even though I'm not a big military or naval book fan, I have truly enjoyed this series immensely, much to my own surprise. Sad to see it come to an end.

Jon Box says

Another great story with new adventures in a 74 . . . How sad this is the last Lord Ramage novel; the story does not end and intimates that Ramage will have a new assignment when he returns to England . . . what gives? I have to go to Wikipedia to find out what ended Dudley Pope's novels! Oh well . . .

Brady Tomberlin says

Finally...Ramage gets a Third Rate 74 Gun Ship of the Line!

Ken Renner says

Final episode in the Ramage sage. Not an end to the story and plenty of loose ends left dandling. Better than 16, and 17.

Peter says

The first of the Ramage books - all of which are exciting and well written. The Ramage series ranks 3rd with me behind Hornblower and Bolitho for age of sail excitement. Ramage is just a little too good and nothing is impossible..

Jim says

This is the first novel in the Ramage series that I have to say I did not enjoy. And, interestingly, it is the last of the series that Dudley Pope wrote.

I found that there is an inordinate amount of dialogue - both between characters in the book and as thoughts by Ramage or one of the other characters. Much of this dialogue serves to either recount facts about the British navy, about ships, about cannon or to recount scenes from other novels that preceded this one in the series.

The battle scenes in the book are very standard, almost set pieces, with no doubt from the very beginning that

Ramage and his 74 gun Dido are going to prevail - regardless of whether the foe is another ship of the line, a couple of frigates or a combination of the above.

At the beginning of the novel, Ramage is given command of HMS Dido, a 74 gun ship of the line. In order to keep the characters together, Pope manages to have Ramage get all of his crew from the Calypso, his former frigate, transferred to the Dido - a fact that almost never occurs in the British navy (or any other of which I am aware). Consequently, Ramage is still accompanied by all the standard characters as they embark on a cruise to the Caribbean.

Gerold Whittaker says

Enjoyed

Chris Hudson says

Love these books and sad the series is over just as Ramage starts commanding a 74!
