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The leading historian of the sailing man of war, Peter Goodwin was technical and historical advisor to *HMS Victory* in Portsmouth for more than 20 years, and is in a unique position to investigate and interpret not only the ship's structure but also the essential aspects of shipboard life: victualling, organisation, discipline, domestic arrangements and medical care.

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