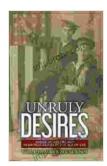
American Sailors and Homosexuality in the Age of Sail

In the age of sail, American sailors were a diverse group of men from all walks of life. They came from different countries, spoke different languages, and had different religious beliefs. But one thing that many of them shared was a secret: they were homosexual.



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Homosexuality was a taboo subject in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was illegal in most countries, and those who were caught engaging in homosexual acts could be punished severely. As a result, many gay sailors kept their sexuality hidden.

But even though it was dangerous, there were still many gay sailors who found ways to express their sexuality. They formed secret relationships, met in taverns and brothels, and even organized their own social clubs.

The book "American Sailors and Homosexuality in the Age of Sail" tells the stories of these men. It is based on extensive research in archives and libraries, and it provides a fascinating glimpse into the lives of gay sailors in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part discusses the legal and social context of homosexuality in the age of sail. The second part tells the stories of individual gay sailors. And the third part explores the ways in which gay sailors found ways to express their sexuality.

"American Sailors and Homosexuality in the Age of Sail" is a groundbreaking work of scholarship. It is the first book to provide a comprehensive overview of the lives of gay sailors in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of homosexuality, the history of the American navy, or the social history of the United States.

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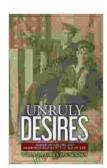
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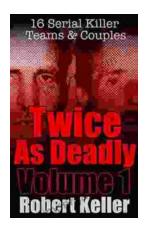
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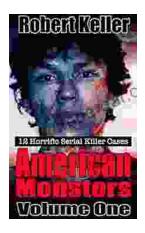
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