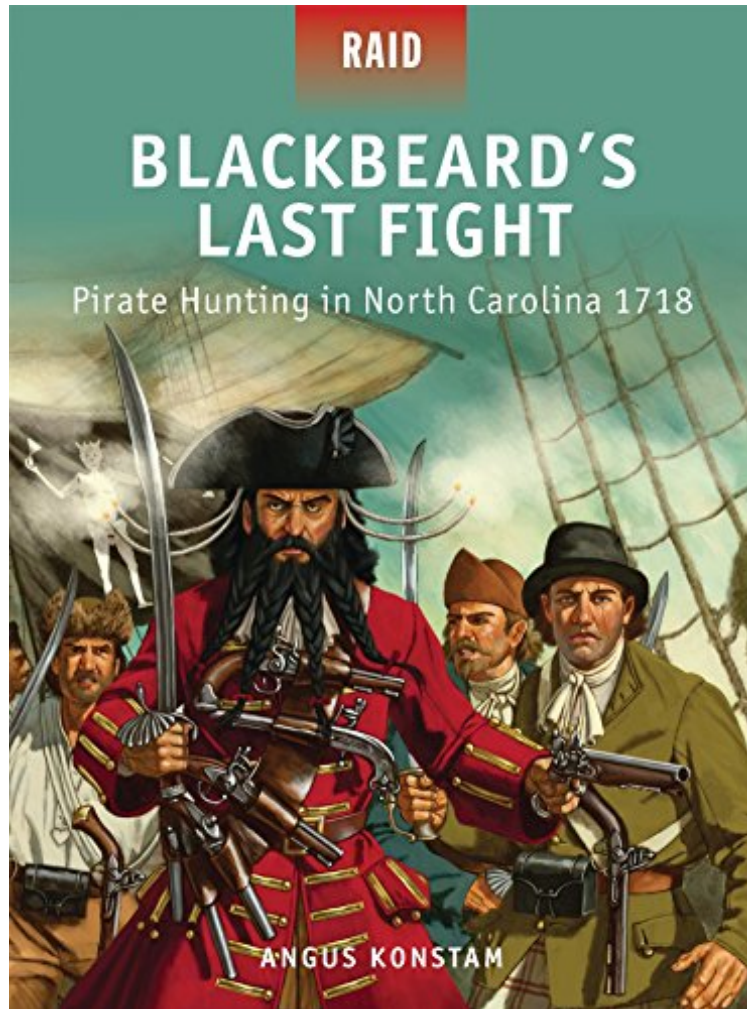


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Teach, AKA Blackbeard. Blackbeard's bold attacks along the Atlantic seaboard, including the daring blockade of Charlestown, South Carolina, brought him to the attention of Governor Spotswood of Virginia. Spotswood organized a joint attack against Blackbeard's base of operations at Ocracoke Island in North Carolina, sending two small sloops under Royal Navy control by sea and a column of pirate hunters overland. Konstam describes the day of Blackbeard's last fight in exciting detail, weaving together various official and unofficial accounts. The narrative is very nicely supported by maps, diagrams, photographs, period depictions of Blackbeard, and some well-done modern illustrations. An epilogue deals with the crime and punishment of the surviving pirates. "Blackbeard's Last Fight" is a fascinating if concise account of piracy and pirate-hunting, built around the expedition that ended Blackbeard's career. This reviewer enjoyed the author's ability to parse through the various accounts and popular myths of the fight to arrive at a plausible and very readable historical summary; recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. History of the last raid on Blackbeard. Complemented by ...By The ChroniclerHistory of the last raid on Blackbeard. Complemented by a short history of piracy and the life of Edward Teach. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent content seriously degraded by Kindle formattingBy S. DondershineInformative and well illustrated, but three separate maps are rendered completely unreadable by being chopped into quarters on the Kindle. Not worth it because of this. Stick to the print version. Frankly I don't think should be allowed to sell books like this without a disclaimer that some content is unreadable not "meant for large screens."

In April 1713 the War of the Spanish Succession came to an end. During the conflict hundreds of privateers - licenced pirates - preyed on enemy shipping throughout the Caribbean. These privateers now found themselves out of a job, and many turned to piracy. One of them was Edward Teach - more popularly known as "Blackbeard". He joined the pirates in New Providence (now Nassau) in the Bahamas, and by early 1717 he had become a pirate captain. From then on he caused havoc off the North American seaboard, in the West Indies and off Honduras, before appearing off Charleston, South Carolina in May 1718. He blockaded this major port for a week, an act that made Blackbeard the most notorious pirate of his day. He then "downsized" - deliberately running his flagship aground near Beaufort, North Carolina, before sailing north in a small sloop to seek a pardon from the colony's governor, Charles Eden. For late June onwards, Blackbeard lived in the colony's tiny capital of Bath Town, and pretended to have turned his changed his ways. However, he also established a den on nearby Ocracoke Island in North Carolina's outer banks, and used this as a base for pirate forays into the waters of the Virginia and Delaware. He then used Bath Town as a clearing house for his plunder. In the neighbouring colony of Virginia, Governor Alexander Spotswood decided to take action. Two British warships were anchored in Virginia's James River, and he and their captains began planning a raid - an attack designed to deal with Blackbeard once and all. In November 1718 Lieutenant Maynard was sent south down the coast with two hired sloops, and orders to seek out and destroy Blackbeard's sloop, the Adventure. At the same time a land expedition was mounted, led by Captain Brandt of the Royal Navy. His men "invaded" North Carolina, and marched on Bath Town, hoping to corner the pirates and capture their stockpile of plunder. On Friday 22nd November the sloops Ranger and Jane rounded Ocracoke Island, and attacked the Adventure. In the small but hard-fought action that followed Blackbeard's vessel was boarded, and the pirate captain was slain. While Maynard sailed home to Virginia with Blackbeard's severed head hanging from his bowsprit, Captain Brandt seized Bath Town, captured what pirates still remained at large, and then headed back in triumph to Williamsburg with his prisoners. Most of them would be hanged before the year was out. The attack on Blackbeard's lair was the largest anti-piracy operation of the "Golden Age of Piracy", and a textbook example of how to deal with the scourge of piracy.

About the Author Angus Konstam hails from the Orkney Islands, and is the author of over 50 books, 30 of which are published by Osprey. This acclaimed and widely published author has written several books on piracy, including *The History of Pirates*, and *Blackbeard: America's Most Notorious Pirate*. A former naval officer and museum professional, he worked as the Curator of Weapons at the Tower of London and as the Chief Curator of the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West, Florida. He now works as a full-time author and historian, and lives in Edinburgh, Scotland. The author lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.