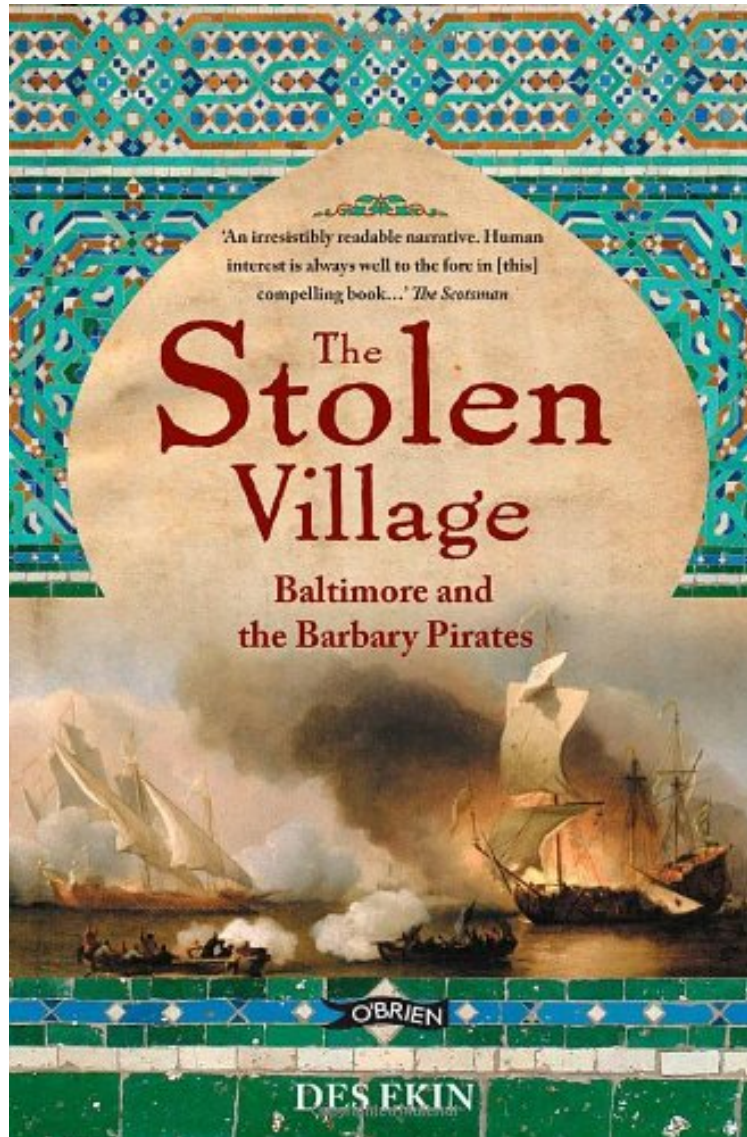


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Barbary corsairs in Ireland ... WHAT?!?By Lj WilkinsIn 1621, a small flotilla of Barbary corsairs commanded by a Dutchman landed at an Irish fishing village, kidnapped almost the entire population and whisked them off to the slave-markets of Algiers and Istanbul. And if that doesn't grab your attention, nothing will. What on Earth were Algerian pirates doing in Ireland? Why were they led by a Dutchman?

And is it possible that, while Europeans were beginning to plunder the West African coast for slaves, they were in fact very, very new to the business of trafficking in human lives? All the answers are in this book, and it makes fascinating reading. I'd have given it more stars but for the disappointing frequency of phrases like "They might have seen ..."; conjecture in the absence of hard fact makes for weak history. But that should not detract from Des Ekin's voluminous research, which was clearly hampered by the lack of actual records surrounding the specific events he deals with. He recognises this, and still he has managed to write a well-researched tale. If it reads sometimes like an adventure novel ... well, that just makes it fun to read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting and lots of historical details. Since there aren't first-hand accounts from the Baltimore victims he had to use examples from others in similar experiences, but it helped create a picture of what probably happened to them and what they felt at the time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was thrust into the hearts of the poor people of Baltimore. By Marthathe author has managed to wed factual history and human interest. I was thrust into the hearts of the poor people of Baltimore, I was able to feel their pain and anguish and was made to realize what I guess I already knew and that is that most of the worlds people are evil and have been for a long long time! I was left really thinking of the worlds humans throughout time, at the pain and anguish caused to them at the hand of other humans!

In June 1631 pirates from Algiers and armed troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire, led by the notorious pirate captain Morat Rais, stormed ashore at the little harbour village of Baltimore in West Cork. They captured almost all the villagers and bore them away to a life of slavery in North Africa. The prisoners were destined for a variety of fates -- some would live out their days chained to the oars as galley slaves, while others would spend long years in the scented seclusion of the harem or within the walls of the Sultan's palace. The old city of Algiers, with its narrow streets, intense heat and lively trade, was a melting pot where the villagers would join slaves and freemen of many nationalities. Only two of them ever saw Ireland again.

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