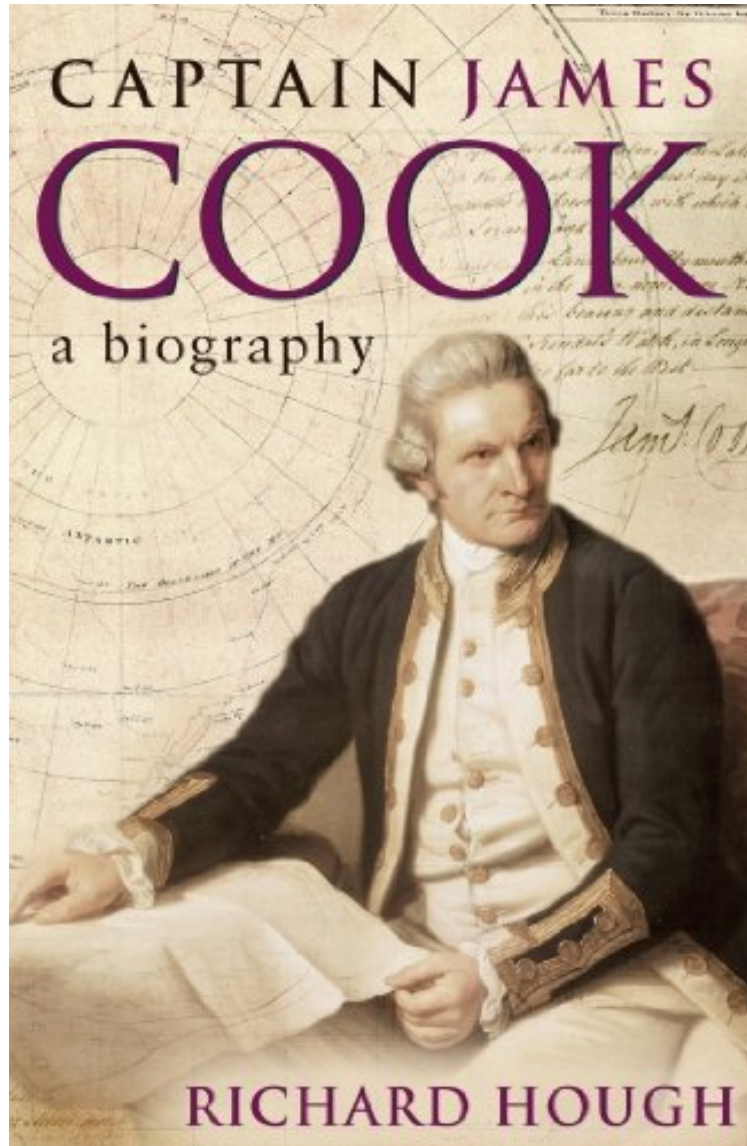


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Von Richard Hough : Captain James Cook (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Captain James Cook (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good read, but sloppy and incorrect in detailsVon KlapauziusI enjoyed reading this book a lot, all in all, especially the parts before Cook's first voyage around the world (a period previously as good as unknown to me), and, at the end, the attempts to find explanations for his changing character.However, I was highly irritated about the claim that Cook was

promoted to Captain in 1771 after his first voyage (which he was not), and the depiction of J.R. Forster and Georg Forster, which is bordering on slander. It starts with having the name wrong, it is Forster and not Frster - a ridiculous blunder for someone who calls himself a historian. More grievous than that is the accusation that Georg's brilliant "A voyage round the world" was indeed written by J.R. after his own drafts had been rejected by the admiralty. While this accusation had been raised even by contemporaries (as J.R. was indeed a quite insufferable man), there was and is no evidence of this at all, and it is, from all what we know today, highly unlikely, given the very different styles and points of view of the two men. Yet Hough tries to sell it as a fact, not even mentioning the shadow of a doubt about it. And what he has to say about the book itself shows clearly that he has not read it at all. You may think that things like these are rather minor and not damning to the entire book, but I disagree because it forces me to take everything else that Hough has to say with a grain of salt, too. This is clearly an author who did not do his homework as thoroughly as he should have.

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent and Interesting Account
Von Aussie Reader I loved this book when I first read it in 1994 and having just re-read it I remember why. Its an engrossing story, well told and enjoyable to read. I had very little knowledge of this man except that which is learnt by most Primary school children in Australia. This book filled this neglectful gap in my education and it was a lovely experience to learn about this man, his travels and his experiences. Richard Hough tells a great story and if you like good history then I'm sure you'll enjoy this story.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book is beautifully written and an excellent biography.
Von Robert Blumenfeld I had the great pleasure of recording this entertaining book for the American Foundation for the Blind's Talking Books program. Rather than summarize its contents, well done in other reviews on this site, I will simply say that I found it extremely easy to record because it is written in such flowing, evocative prose. In fact, it reads very much like a fascinating adventure novel, and Robert Louis Stevenson could almost have written it. The travels of Captain Cook are superbly recounted, and make engrossing, absorbing reading.

Kurzbeschreibung In Cook's relatively short and adventurous life (1728-79) he voyaged to the eastern and western seaboard of North America, the North and South Pacific and the Arctic and Antarctic bringing about a new comprehension of the world's geography and its people's. He was the linking figure between the grey speculation of the early eighteenth century and the industrial age of the first half of the nineteenth century. Richard Hough's biography is full of new insights and interpretations of one of the world's greatest mariners.

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Pressestimmen Highly readable (Terry Waite, The Sunday Times) Richard Hough's biography is as fascinating as it is felicitous in style and entertaining in content (Field Marshal Lord Carver, The Sunday Telegraph) Hough tells the story with skill to give a convincing smell of the sea (Flora Fraser, The Times) Captain James Cook does handsome justice to the navigator (Ian Thomson, The Independent)

Werbetext An exciting and marvellously readable biography of Captain James Cook, the last of the great navigators.