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Piracy & Smuggling

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✪ - Recommend reading.

❖ - Light introductory reads to the topic.

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**General Reading**

✪ Jamieson, A.G. (ed.) – ***A People of the Sea: The Maritime History of Guernsey*.** London: Methuen & Co. Ltd 1986 [LF 387.5 JAM] – A good overview of the relationship between the Channel Islands and the sea.

✪❖ McLoughlin, R. - ***The Sea was their Fortune*.** Bradford on Avon: Seaflower Books, 1997 [LF 387.5 MAC] - Another good & shorter overview of the relationship between the Channel Islands and the sea.

❖ Encyclopaedia Britannica (eds.) – “**Pirates, Privateers, Corsairs, Buccaneers: What’s the Difference?”** *www.britannica.com*, https://www.britannica.com/story/pirates-privateers-corsairs-buccaneers-whats-the-difference

Rediker, M. – ***Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea***. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987 [910.45 RED] – An academic overview of merchant seamen, piracy and the Anglo-American maritime world between 1700 and 1750.

**Piracy & Raiding**

Bonnard, B. – ***Ships and Soldiers: A Military and Maritime History of the Island of Alderney***. Stroud: Fonthill Media Limited, 2013 [LH 355.009 BON] – pp.27, 30, 49, 52

**🖳** Bott, D. – **“Poor Johnny Hotton”.** *www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk*, https://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk/articles/article/poor-johnny-hotton - An account of a man kidnapped by pirates in the 17th Century.

**🖳** Bott, D. – **“A very detached house indeed, November 1947”.** *www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk,* https://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk/articles/article/very-detached-house-indeed-november-1947

Botting, D. – ***The Pirates***. Amsterdam: Time-Life Books Inc, c.1978 [364.164 BOT] – although not about Guernsey provides an interesting overview of the history of piracy.

Cataroche, J. – ***The History and Archaeology of Jethou***. Wisley: L&C Press, 2012 [LK 930.1 CAT] – p.57

Cooper, G. – **“The pirates of St. Peter Port”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 7th July 2006*

Jaffer, A. – **“A Sea of Scoundrels: Pirates of the Stuart Era”.** *Tudor & Stuart Seafarers: The Emergence of a Maritime Nation, 1485-1707****.*** London: Adlard Coles, 2018 [GROVES 359.1 TUD] – Not specifically about the Channel Islands but provides a wider context for the period.

Grange, P. – **“Roman house at Royal site?”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 6th January 2000* – includes a summary of the Roman findings at the La Plaiderie that mentions evidence of pirate activity during the period.

Jacqueline, B. – **“Sixtus IV and Piracy in the Channel Islands (1480)”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Spring 1982 Vol. XXXVIII No. 1* – p.12

Kellett-Smith, S.K. - **“Gold Harald”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Transactions, 1978* – Mentions the Roman fleet required to keep piracy in the English Channel in check as well as the Viking raids of the 9th & 10th Centuries.

Marr, L.J. – ***A History of the Bailiwick of Guernsey: The Islanders’ Story.*** London / Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1982 [LOC 940 MAR] – p.82, mentions a monition in 1481 by Pope Sixtus IV protecting the Channel Islands from piracy.

Marr, L. J. - ***Guernsey People***. Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd, 1984 [LOF 920.02 MAR] – the notorious privateer Jean Allaire (1763-1846) known for his piratical acts (p.2)

Marr, L.J. – ***Bailiwick Bastions***. Guernsey: The Guernsey Press Company Ltd., 1985. [LOC 623.1 MAR] – “The Nunnery” in Alderney as a defence against pirates (p.13)

Parkinson, C. – ***Lisia: Vortigern’s Island***. Guernsey: Armoricana Books, 2012 [LOC 940.1 PAR] – p.99 & 104 (piracy & raids during the decline of the Roman Empire)

Stevenson, W. – **“The Middle Ages, 1000 - 1500”.** *A People of the Sea: The Maritime History of Guernsey.* London: Methuen & Co. Ltd 1986 [LF 387.5 JAM] – pp. 35 & 37

Tupper, F.B. – ***The History of Guernsey and its Bailiwick***. Guernsey: Barbet, 1854 [LOC 940 TUP] – p.41 (attack by French pirates in 1061), p.79 (13th Century pirate threat), p.155 (on the prevalence of piracy in the Channel and on pirates captured in 1565)

Uttley, J. – **The Story of the Channel Islands**. London: Faber & Faber, 1966 [LF 940 UTT] – Chapter 2, “Saints and Sea-Raiders” (espec. pp. 29-32), also pp. 38, 51, 56, 71, 76 & 97.

Warren, J.P. – **“Ships and Wine”.** *Studies in the History of Guernsey* (red scrapbook in staff area) – p.44, mentions 13th Century piracy.

Booth, Tony – **Guernseyman and Bounty Mutineer** – The John Williams Story. Review of the Guernsey Society, Summer 1991 page 39.

**Smuggling**

Bell, B. – **“Buccaneering Bonnie – a smuggler and a chancer”.** *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Winter 2007/2008 Vol. LXIII No. 3* - p.88, article about Bonnie Newton, a famous local mid-20th Century smuggler.

Bonnard, B. – ***Ships and Soldiers: A Military and Maritime History of the Island of Alderney***. Stroud: Fonthill Media Limited, 2013 [LH 355.009 BON] – Chapter 6 & pp.49, 255

**🖳** Bott, D. – **“Smuggling, April 1759”.** *www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk,* https://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk/articles/article/smuggling-april-1759 - Article about two accounts from English newspapers of Guernsey smugglers.

**🖳** Bott, D. – **“Mansell versus Robin: Brandy Smuggling, 1833”.** *www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk,* https://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk/articles/article/mansell-versus-robin-brandy-smuggling-1833

**🖳** Bott, D. – **“Irish smuggling”.** *www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk,* 2022, https://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk/articles/article/irish-smuggling

Cataroche, J. – ***The History and Archaeology of Jethou***. Wisley: L&C Press, 2012 [LK 930.1 CAT] – pp.82, 99-100, 121

Cox, G.S. – ***The Guernsey Merchants and Their World in the Georgian Era.*** Guernsey: Toucan Press, 2009 [LL/LOC 940.253 COX] – p.81, discusses Guernseymen smuggling in the West Indies and the Caribbean. See also pp. xviii & xix.

Daly, G. – ***“Napoleon and the ‘City of Smugglers’, 1810 - 1814”.***Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007 [LF 364.133 DAL] – Covers smuggling across the English Channel.

Fay, C.R. – ***Life and Labour in Newfoundland*.** Cambridge: W. Heffer & Sons, Ltd, 1956 [330.9718 FAY] – pp. 39, 41 & 71.

❖ Girard, P. – ***Peter Girard’s Guernsey*.** Guernsey: The Guernsey Press Company Limited, 1986 [LOC 940 GIR] – p.272

Hathaway, E. – ***Smuggler***. Swanage: Shinglepicker Publications, 1994 [364.133 HAT] – Account of the Devonshire smuggler, John Rattenbury (1778 – 1844) who had ties to Guernsey.

✪ Jamieson, A.G. – **“The Channel Islands and Smuggling, 1680 - 1850”.** *A People of the Sea: The Maritime History of Guernsey.* London: Methuen & Co. Ltd 1986 [LF 387.5 JAM] – p.195

Johns, J.R. – ***The Smugglers’ Banker: The Story of Zephaniah Job of Polperro***. Clifton-upon-Teme, Worcs.: Polperro Heritage Press, 2008 [364.133 JOB] – An account of a Cornishman with many ties to Guernsey who was heavily involved with smuggling during the Napoleonic Wars.

Leabon, G. – ***Persecution!! A Narrative of Facts, Connected with the Military System, and Illicit Trade, of a Part of the Channel Islands***. London: C. Chapple, 1812 [LF 355.33 LEA] - an account by a former Lieutenant of the 67th (South Hampshire) Regiment of Foot who was eventually court marshalled after apprehending smugglers in Alderney. Leabon mentions the corruption of local military officials in regards to smuggling. See also; Fay, C.R. – “Smuggling, An Alderney Incident”. *The Quarterly Review of the Guernsey Society, Spring 1961 Vol. XVII No. 1* – p.9.

Marr, L.J. – ***A History of the Bailiwick of Guernsey: The Islanders’ Story.*** London / Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1982 [LOC 940 MAR] – see ‘smuggling’ in index.

❖ May, T. – ***Smugglers and Smuggling***. Oxford: Shire Publications, 2014 [364.133 MAY] – a concise overview of smuggling with some references to Guernsey (pp. 27, 54 & 55)

✪ Morieux, R. – ***The Channel*.** Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016 [303.48244] – Focusing on the 18th Century with references to Guernsey.

Phillipson, D. – ***Smuggling: A history 1700-1970.*** Newton Abbot: David & Charles, 2011 [LF 364.133 PLA] – pp.86 – 88 discuss the smuggling links between Guernsey and Cornwall as well as general information on smuggling in Guernsey.

🔑 Pitts, J. Linwood - **“Bygone Guernsey V. The Old Guernsey Smugglers and Privateers”.** *The Sun, 6th August 1892* [Staff 40D]

✪ Platt, R. – ***Smuggling in the British Isles: A History.*** Gloucestershire: Tempus Publishing, 1973 [364.133 PHI] – A good overview to smuggling in a wider context with numerous references to Guernsey and the Channel Islands.

Parliament of Great Britain – ***A Bill (as amended on re-commitment) to make more effectual Provision for the Prevention of Smuggling.*** London, 1807 [LF 364.133 PAR] – following on from a previous act of parliament on the same topic in 1805.

Raban, P. - **“Clandestine Trade in the Mid-Eighteenth Century”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Transactions, 1987 –* p.303

Tupper, F.B. – ***The History of Guernsey and its Bailiwick***. Guernsey: Barbet, 1854 [LOC 940 TUP] – pp.389, 438 & 440 (smuggling in the 18th Century, mentions the British legislature of 1805 to reduce smuggling).

Uttley, J. – **The Story of the Channel Islands**. London: Faber & Faber, 1966 [LF 940 UTT] – see index for smuggling references.

Warren, J.P. – **“60. Free trade or smuggling?”.** *Studies in the History of Guernsey* (red scrapbook in staff area) – p.116

White, M. - **“The Carteret Priaulx Papers (The Influence of the Napoleonic Wars on Guernsey)”.** *La Société Guernesiaise Transactions, 1963 –* p.447. The article contains a map showing the British haunts of Guernsey smugglers & focuses on smuggling on p.451.

Uncredited - **“Smuggling”.** *The Star, 18th January 1890* – Report regarding Henry Bargery, mate on the *Carrington*, who was charged with smuggling 12lbs of tobacco.

Uncredited – **“Smuggling: a lucrative income”.** *Guernsey Evening Press, 13th November 1993*

🔑 **Basil C. de Guérin Scrapbook ‘H’** – contains a few articles on smuggling on pp.44, 104 & 127.

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