

BEYOND BEAUPORT

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"If you like adventure, Caribbean Seas & family intrigue, you'll enjoy this tale."

Katherine A. Sherbrooke, author of *Fill the Sky*

DESCRIPTION

SHANNON CLARKE raised a family and worked waterfront jobs in America's oldest seaport. Her childhood dream to become a sea captain is revived when her long-lost seafaring uncle, Patrick, visits with a salty tale of their maritime family ancestry of pirates and privateers. He shares recovered family letters and artifacts from the Golden Age of Piracy. They take to the sea in Patrick's brigantine to follow the siren song of their ancestors in quest of destiny, truth and treasure. The voyage is fraught with raw forces of nature, past traumas and present-day sea raiders as their talents and beliefs of family, identity and purpose are shaken to the core.

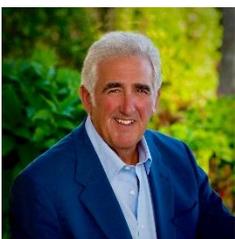
KEY SELLING POINTS

- Unique premise – a woman's transformational quest for her seafaring and pirate ancestry. A contemporary story with scenes to the lives and times of notorious sea rouges in the Age of Sail.
- Serves a demand for a strong female protagonist in adventure novels with enticing characters, where romance is dessert, not the entrée.
- Deep settings of place, culture, intrigues and time from Gloucester and Cape Ann, Massachusetts to Charleston, S.C., Miami, the Florida Gold Coast, Key West, Jamaica, and the greater West Indies.
- Realistic sailing and nautical aspects enjoyed by sailors, beach readers and landlubbers alike
- Extensive research explores the legend of Anne Bonny, the fearless redhead pirate of the Caribbean, and what happened to her after the 1720 pirate trail of Jamaica. The author provides compelling details that will have history and pirate buffs in a spin.
- The novel is a fast read woven with themes of mid-life choices, roads not taken, ancestral influences, family dynamics, friendship, terror, and the human condition.
- An excellent choice for book clubs, with an included discussion guide.

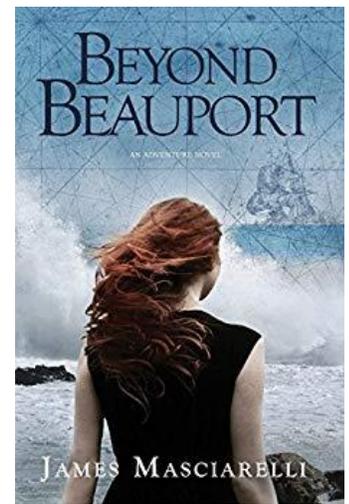
MARKETING

- The author's affinity group targets include book clubs, adventure and sailing clubs, maritime history organizations, pirate and privateer history groups, historical reenactments day events, sailing, boating and yacht clubs, cruise lines, coastal living media and organizations, wreck divers, treasure hunters, and pirate podcasts.
- The author will leverage his story-telling and public speaking skills, and engage his literary, arts, and business networks for launch events/parties and book signings.
- The author has engaged a team of social media and marketing pros to grow his author platform and curate his articles for placement on an editorial calendar. Promotions will include Goodreads giveaways and advertising around each book event.
- Geographic and marketing campaigns will target prominent locations in the novel.

AUTHOR BIO



James Masciarelli is a writer, coach, and serial entrepreneur. His leadership roles span social work, high-tech human resources, executive search, board governance, and angel investing. Known for thought leading articles in professional publications, his first book, *PowerSkills* is considered the seminal book on relationship and stakeholder management for personal, career and business success. James and creative wife, Judi, enjoy endless summer in Naples, Florida and Gloucester, Ma. He now writes short stories and novels.



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Maritime and Pirate History: Nathaniel Philbrick, David Cordingly, Colin Woodward, Anne Chambers, Morgan Liewelyn

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