



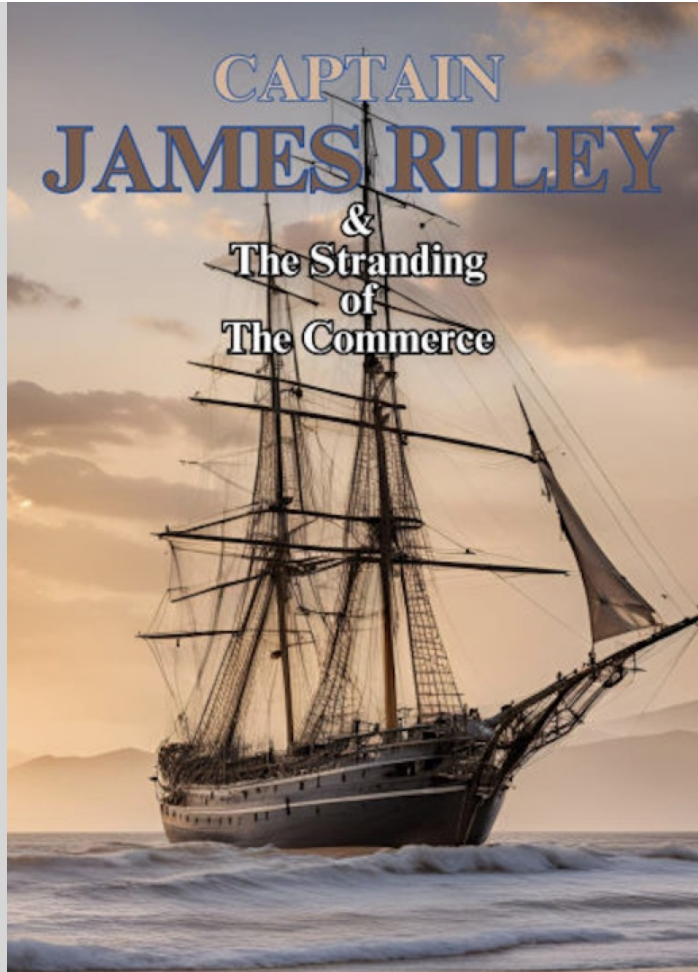
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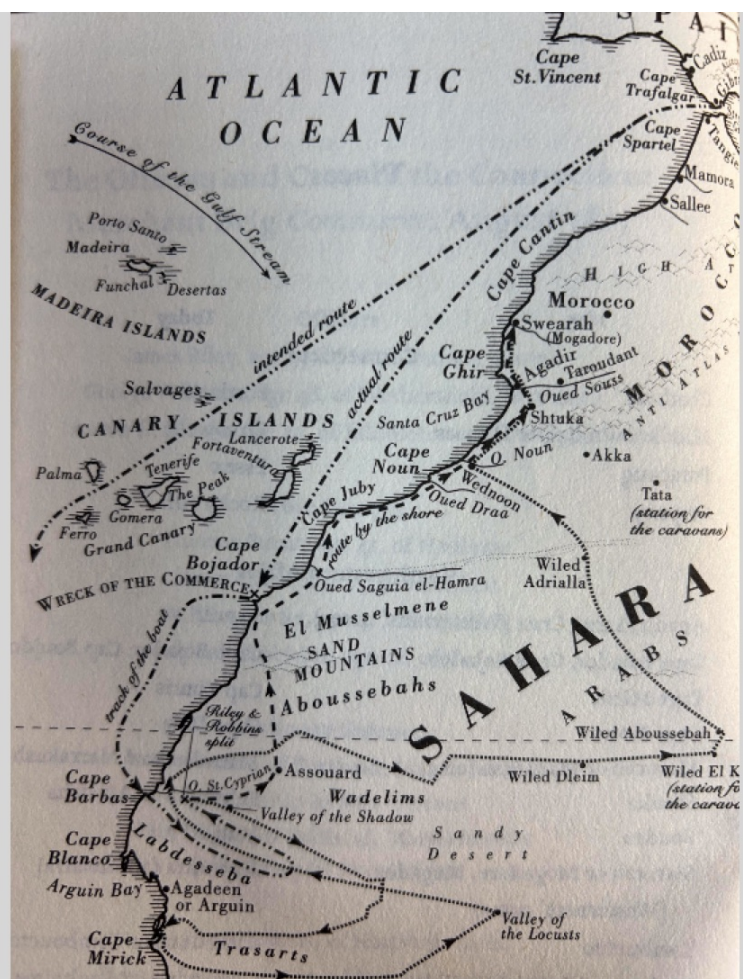
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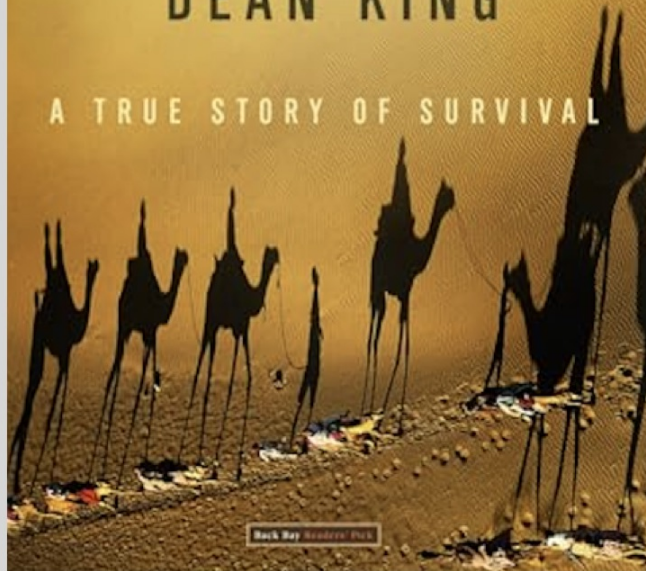
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DEAN KING

A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL



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The astonishing account
of a New England sea captain enslaved
by North African Arabs

CAPTAIN JAMES RILEY



“I searched for a stone, intending if I could find a loose one sufficiently large, to knock out my own brains with it; but searched in vain.

“This paroxysm passed off in a minute or two, when reason returned, and I recollected that my life was in the hand of the power that gave it, and that ‘the Judge of all the earth would do right.’

“...felt perfectly resigned and willing to submit to the will of Providence and the fate that awaited me.

“From that time forward, through all my succeeding trials and sufferings, I never once murmured in my heart, but at all times kept my spirits up,

“doing the utmost to obey and please those whom fortune, fate, or an overruling Providence had placed over me, and to persuade, both by precept and practice, my unhappy comrades to do the same.”

Captain James Riley

3 SETS OF MIRACLES - 3 CALLS

LEPER
SERVANT
MOTHER - IN - LAW

C A L L

STORM
DEMONS
PARALYTIC

C A L L

WOMAN/GIRL
2 BLIND MEN
MUTE MAN

C A L L

“And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud,
‘Have mercy on us, Son of David.’

“When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ They said to him, ‘Yes, Lord.’

“Then he touched their eyes, saying,
‘According to your faith be it done to you.’
And their eyes were opened.

“And Jesus sternly warned them, ‘See that no one knows about it.’ But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

“As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke.

“And the crowds marveled, saying, ‘Never was anything like this seen in Israel.’ But the Pharisees said, ‘He casts out demons by the prince of demons.’”

Matthew 9:27-34

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- **social** obstacles - “crying aloud” (27c)

“For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’”

Romans 10:10-11

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“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the son of David....” Matthew 1:1a

“Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened....”

Isaiah 35:5

“To open the eyes that are blind....”

Isaiah 42:7a

“Jesus said, ‘For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.’”

John 9:39

“When he entered the house, the blind men came to him...”

Matthew 9:28a

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ They said to him, ‘Yes, Lord.’”

Matthew 9:28b

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Matthew 9:29-30a

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“He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” (34)

“I think we have built up scar tissue from our frustrations, and we don’t want to expose ourselves anymore. Fear constrains us.”

Bryan

Fear links arms with cynicism to protect us against faith, so we can lower risk and pretend to be in control.



Dr. Keith Plummer

“I was asking questions that were
manufactured to protect me from becoming
a Christian.”

Dr. Keith Plummer

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13