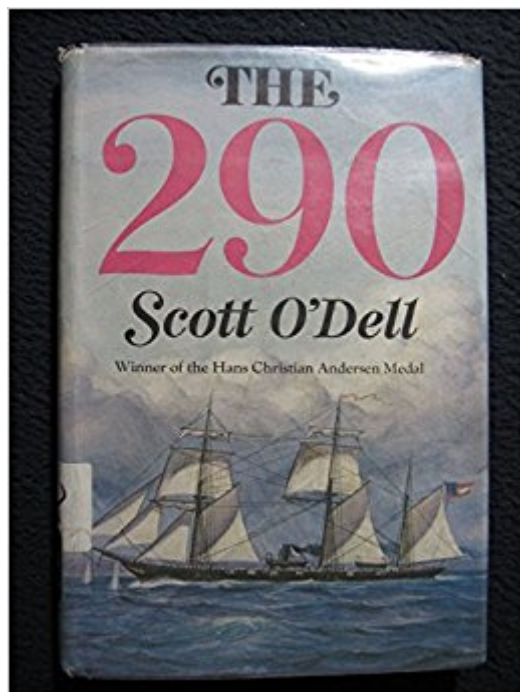


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# The 290



## Synopsis

A shipyard apprentice finds high adventure aboard the S.S. Alabama, a Confederate ship which sails the Atlantic destroying Union vessels.

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Gr 4-6-Jim Lynne has fallen in love with the unique, speedy ship that he has been helping to build. The 290, built secretly for the Con-federate Navy, is a raiding ship intended to help turn the tide of the Civil War. When Jim has the opportunity to join the 290's crew, he can't pass up the opportunity. During the course of the story, Jim discovers that his father, a prominent trader, is actually a slave trader, carrying human cargo. Jim must reconcile his own hatred for slavery with his position in the war and his love for the 290, christened The Alabama. O'Dell has done a nice job of combining suspense and intrigue with interesting characters and historical facts in his novel (Houghton Mifflin, 1976). Mar Vietor does a solid job of carrying the action along with his well-paced narration. His voices are engaging and each one is unique enough to allow listeners to easily follow the story. For fans of sea stories and historical fiction, particularly listeners looking for a less-common glimpse into the Civil War.-Deanna Romriell, Salt Lake City Public Library, UT [Â](#) (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Scott O'ÄÄÄÄ (1898ÄÄÄÄ 1989), one of the most respected authors of historical fiction, received the Newbery Medal, three Newbery Honor Medals, and the Hans Christian Andersen

Author Medal, the highest international recognition for a body of work by an author of books for young readers. Some of his many books include *The Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *The Road to Damietta*, *Sing Down the Moon*, and *The Black Pearl*. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

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Great read.

This is a very thin little book. While it does stick to the facts to a point, the author has his character leave the ship for an extended length of time and is therefore able to skip much of what happened to the Alabama. He does very little to develop the characters. I was sorry I wasted my time and money. Bruce B.

Summary: This story is about a man named William Bromley who is an architect, and recently built a ship named the 290 that he fell in love with at the very beginning. Unexpectedly, on the opening day for the 290, it was taken over, and brought out to sea. William decided to sail with the crew, and the trip was on! Throughout the book, William and the other sailors on the 290 are sailing about the sea, and taking over different countries ships. During the time out at sea, William discovers that since he had left home many years ago, his father had been working as a slave trader in Port-au-Prince. He deceived the men there into thinking he had spoken with his father's partner and stowed away 250 slaves on his ship. He then left them in the Canary Islands so that they could live a happy life without being given orders. This book has action and sorrow, but to find out what happens next, you need to get this book, and read it.

This book told the story of the CSS Alabama and the USS Kearsarge. I read it growing up and have never been able to find it since. If you can find it, read it--it is a good read and a good history lesson on the naval tactics employed during the Civil War.

just started this book as part of my summer reading and would recommend to other. Can't wait to finish it.

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