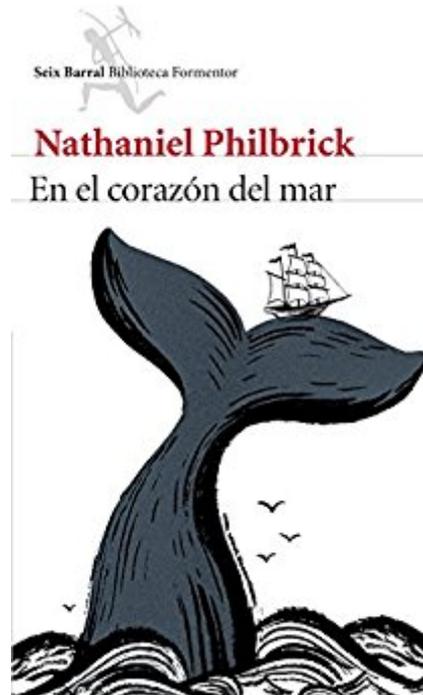


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En 1819, el barco Essex zarpó del puerto de Nantucket, en la costa este de Estados Unidos, con el objetivo de cazar ballenas durante dos años. Quince meses después, mientras navegaba en pleno Pacífico, el barco fue atacado por una ballena gigante, y la tripulación se vio obligada a refugiarse en tres botes salvavidas. Fue entonces cuando empezó la tragedia: por temor a las tribus caníbales que se creía que poblaban las islas del Pacífico, emprendieron una travesía a camino al este. Tres meses después, la tripulación del barco Dauphin vio un pequeño bote a la deriva en las costas de Sudamérica. Al acercarse, descubrieron un montón de huesos humanos junto a dos supervivientes. El hambre había obligado a los marineros a comerse a sus propios compañeros. Nathaniel Philbrick relata en este libro una de las crónicas más trágicas y emocionantes de la historia marítima. La de unos hombres al borde del horror cuyo coraje y lucha por sobrevivir fueron más allá de cualquier límite imaginable. La dramática travesía del Essex cobra vida en la gran pantalla con espectaculares imágenes en alta mar, un Moby Dick de tamaño impactante y con un reparto plagado de estrellas.

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This is the Spanish text edition of "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex", a first rate, well crafted work of non-fiction. The author has a gift for putting together a compelling

narrative about the unusual ordeal of the whale ship, Essex, which sailed out of Nantucket and was done in on the high seas by an extremely aggressive sperm whale who attacked it. So complete was the damage that the ship sank, its crew of twenty cast adrift upon a seemingly infinite ocean to find their way back home in three small boats. This real life, unheard of attack by a whale was the basis for Herman Melville's classic work of fiction, "Moby Dick". What the author does is ground what happened to these most unfortunate of men in the historical context of the time. He paints a picture of the milieu in which they lived. Their lives were governed entirely by the whaling industry that was the bread and butter for Nantucket Island, the whaling capital of the world. Drawing upon narratives by some of the survivors, as well as other historical data, he paints in intricate detail what life must have been like for these men. He weaves a tapestry of early nineteenth century life on the island of Nantucket and the preeminence of whaling in the lives of those who lived there, as well as the role of the Quakers. In essence, he brings the men, who were involved in this most notorious of survival at sea stories, to life for the reader. It is a balanced narrative. This was to be the first voyage as Captain for the democratic George Pollard, who was teamed up with a very aggressive and ambitious first mate, Owen Chase. This was later to prove to be a poor combination.

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