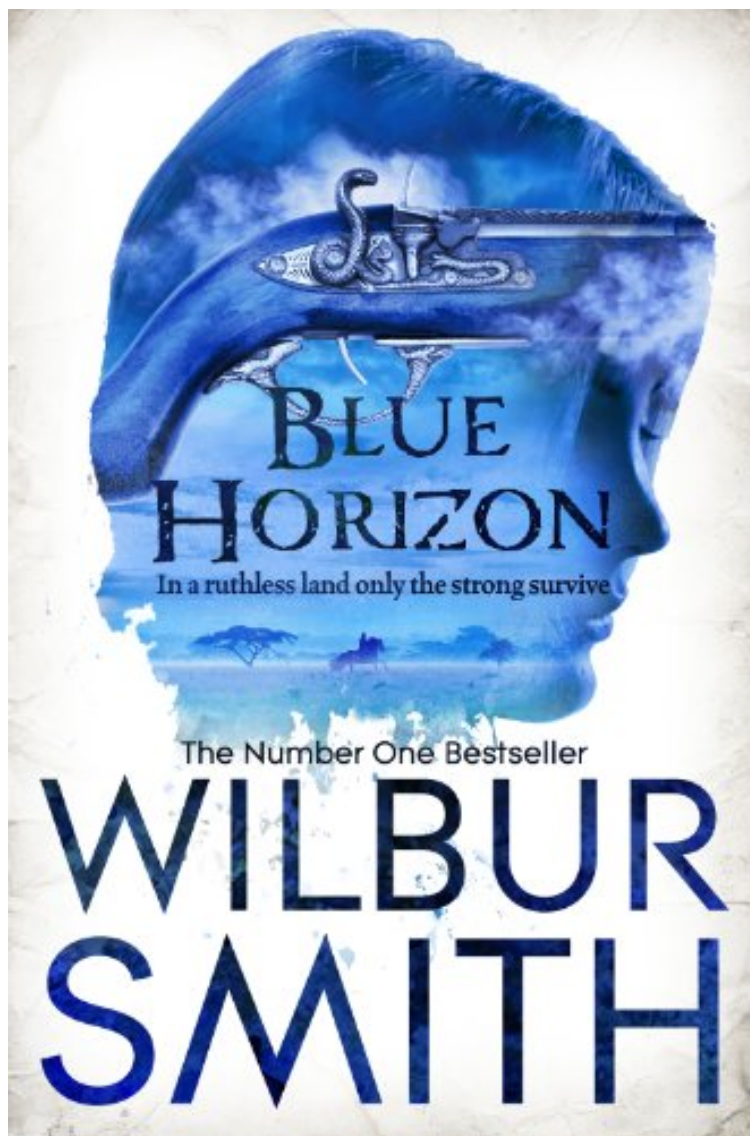


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through the untouched wilderness of a beautiful land filled with warring tribes and wild animals. At heart a story of love and hatred, vengeance and greed, *Blue Horizon* is an utterly compelling adventure from one of the world's most celebrated novelists, Wilbur Smith. 'Wilbur Smith is one of those benchmarks against whom others are compared' *The Times* 'A master storyteller' *Sunday Times* From Publishers Weekly Fans of Smith's previous chronicles involving the swashbuckling Courtneys (*The Sunbird*, etc.) will embrace this event-packed addition, which finds the British clan plying the shipping trade in 18th-century South Africa.

Set 25 years after Smith's *Monsoon* (1999), it concentrates on the family's "new" generation-headstrong young Jim Courtney and his proud cousin Mansur. The feverish action begins when Jim falls under the spell of a stunningly beautiful prisoner aboard a Dutch convict ship. Naturally, she is guiltless. Naturally, he helps her escape into the dark continent's wilderness, placing them both in peril and the family business in jeopardy. What follows is a relentless succession of harrowing chases, narrow escapes, battles on land and sea, assassinations and assignations. Pigott-Smith's British accent, at times clipped enough to draw blood, softens to an almost roguish intimacy during the novel's romantic interludes, when women writhe "voluptuously" or make gifts of "the flower of [their] maidenhood." For the scheming non-British villains, he opts for a sinister whine that resembles the voice of the late Peter Lorre on speed. In short, he is the ideal audio interpreter for this highly melodramatic, ripping yarn. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. From AudioFile Jim Courtney, the son of a settler in Southern Africa, falls in love at first sight with Louisa, a wrongfully accused woman he spies aboard a prison ship. When the ship crashes, he seizes the opportunity to rescue her, but his quick decision means they must flee. When Courtney's actions shame an official, his family is put in danger, as well. The action starts quickly and builds throughout, leading to an exciting--and bloody-- confrontation. Tim Pigott-Smith reads the tale as a tough adventure yarn but doesn't shy away from the romance between Jim and Louisa. Listeners who like adventure, historical or otherwise, will enjoy this chase on land and sea. J.A.S. AudioFile 2003, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine