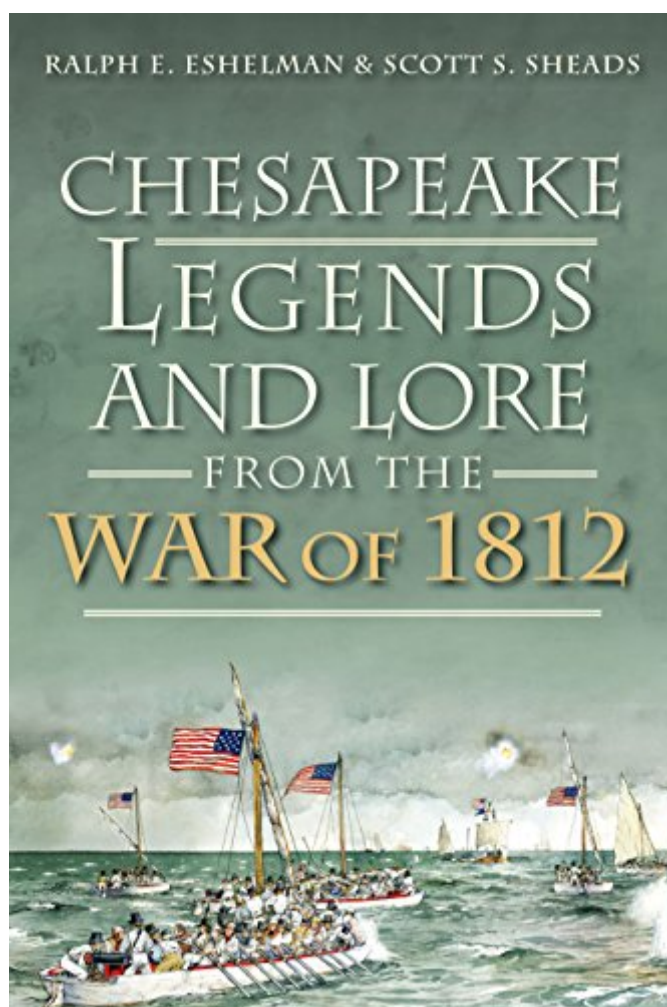


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In the two hundred years following the War of 1812, the Chesapeake Campaign became romanticized in tall tales and local legends. St. Michael's on the Eastern Shore of Maryland was famously cast as the town that fooled the British, and in Baltimore, the defenders of Fort McHenry were reputedly rallied by a remarkably patriotic pet rooster. In Virginia, the only casualty in a raid on Cape Henry was reportedly the lighthouse keeper's smokehouse larder, while Admiral Cockburn was said to have supped by the light of the burning Federal buildings in Washington, D.C. Newspaper stories, ordinary citizens and even military personnel embellished events, and two hundred years later, those embellishments have become regional lore. Join historians Ralph E. Eshelman and Scott S. Sheads as they search for the history behind the legends of the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake.

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This book was a disappointment to me. I did not read the blurb carefully enough and learned when I started to read it that it is mostly a collection of stories and legends instead of a nice scholar

narrative on the subject.

Ralph Eshelman and Scott Sheads have done a marvelous job bringing tall tales and old stories about The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake Bay region to life. I think many readers will feel as I do that it is a shame they can't all be true! Many thanks to the authors for bringing these tales together and researching their origins.

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