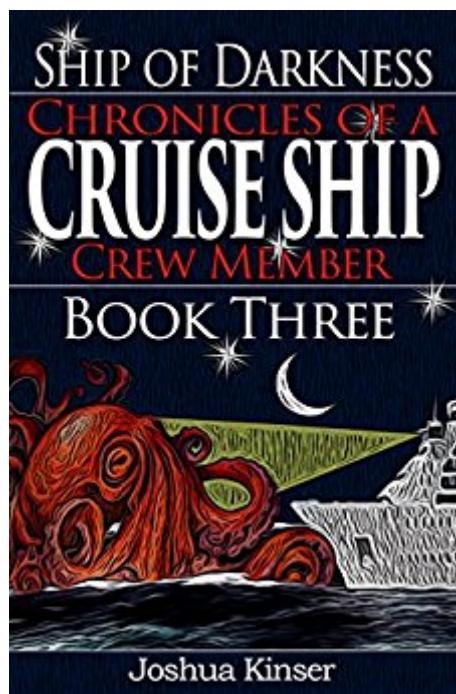


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Synopsis

Welcome to the dark side of ship life. Travel into the heart of cruise ship darkness with this laugh-out-loud true story of survival on the high seas. Go where no passenger has gone before and explore what it's really like to work on the kind of cruise ship that crew members call a "ship of darkness". From the author of *Cruise Ships Do Funny Things To Me*, this third book in the *Chronicles of a Cruise Ship Crew Member* series begins when the author and his always-optimistic girlfriend are transferred to the MS Barnacle—the kind of ship that could play the lead role in a horror flick. But there's a silver lining to the ship swap, the MS Barnacle is cruising around the Mediterranean's most exotic and enchanting ports. Climb aboard the ship of darkness and explore the often seedy and always fast-paced world of cruise ship art auctions as the self-proclaimed pair of pirates set sail on a hilarious port-hopping adventure along the coast of Italy, Spain, Greece, and France. This cruise ship memoir not only explores the sometimes Dickensian life that crew members live below deck, but also examines the fine and watery line between reality and the power of positive thinking. And it's a story where you'll finally discover the answers to cruise ship questions such as: What do you do when you find a sea monster living inside the drain of your stateroom toilet? Will there be ice cream machines on the life rafts if the MS Barnacle sinks? And what's the phone number of an experienced maritime lawyer?

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Customer Reviews

Probably this is the best of the three books Joshua wrote about his life aboard cruise ships. This one is different because he has his girl friend Gertie as his traveling companion, and he is an art auctioneer instead of a drummer in the band. I love his sense of humor, and style of writing. I love the fact that he donates a portion of the sales to Mercy Ships, where I have volunteered for many years. But that was not the reason I bought the book. I have taken a number of cruises and always been in awe of how the crew can tolerate the quick turn-arounds and constant changes in crew and passengers and still keep a smile on their faces. This series of sea stories makes pleasant reading and some insight into how people tolerate this life aboard cruise ships.

I had read the other 2 books and decided to buy this last one so I could complete the series. It was pretty well written, easy to read and kept my attention. I have read a lot of cruise books and like this series. I loved book 1 and book 2 was equally good. This book was fairly 'dark' like the title states. It really shows the "rough" side of cruise ship life. If you're not an Officer, you seem to be treated like 3rd class. There is lots of great humor and the descriptions are fantastic. I think I have been on this ship although the author does not name the cruise line nor the ship, I think it is one that used to be based out of the city in which I live. Overall, it was a very entertaining book and if you like to read about ship life, it's a nice read.

I enjoyed the first two books, and this one as well. This one was a bit different because, while Kinser still employs the style of trying to find humor at every narrative turn, it has an interesting, and darker, arc. Made me wonder if he's ever made it back on a cruise ship...and what the cruise line is that he sailed on for this journey.

Good book. I've enjoyed reading the series.

Darkness aboard a cruise ship doesn't mean the lights have gone out. Well, not the electrical ones, anyway. I was fascinated and sad to learn what darkness means on a ship. You'll have to read this

to find out for yourself.James Hofheins

Funny book most of the way through, fast read , best of the three book series would buy from the author again.

Kinda cheesy with the ongoing, tongue in cheek descriptions but I really enjoyed it. Light hearted and fun

I enjoyed this book as well as the books you have written. I hope when the phone rings again as you speak of in the last chapter you will answer it this time and take us all back to sea one more time

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