



## Two Years Before the Mast: A Personal Narrative

By Richard Henry Dana

Penguin Putnam Inc, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 175 x 107 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Tracing an awe-inspiring oceanic route from Boston, around Cape Horn, to the California coast, *Two Years Before the Mast* is both a riveting story of adventure and the most eloquent, insightful account we have of life at sea in the early nineteenth century. Richard Henry Dana is only nineteen when he abandons the patrician world of Boston and Harvard for an arduous voyage among real sailors, amid genuine danger. The result is an astonishing read, replete with vivid descriptions of storms, whales, and the ship's mad captain, terrible hardship and magical beauty, and fascinating historical detail, including an intriguing portrait of California before the gold rush. As D. H. Lawrence proclaimed, Dana's small book is a very great book.



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