

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROYAL NAVY is just that; a layman's guide to the Senior Service, its early development, its contribution to the British Empire and the protection of trading routes and the innumerable sea battles it has fought. *A Brief History of the Royal Navy* is timed to coincide with the bicentenary of Nelson's Battle of Trafalgar (1805) and explains why Nelson was afforded the honour of a year of celebrations in 2005. It is factual and deals succinctly but sensitively with matters such as the British Empire, slavery and piracy. Although a male dominated service for may hundreds of years the role of women is not overlooked; their contribution was often vital and sometimes quite colourful. This 'Brief History' also includes a section on the menagerie of animals, cats, dogs, bears, parrots and pigeons, kept on board Her Majesty's ships and it has an entertaining and illuminating glossary.

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