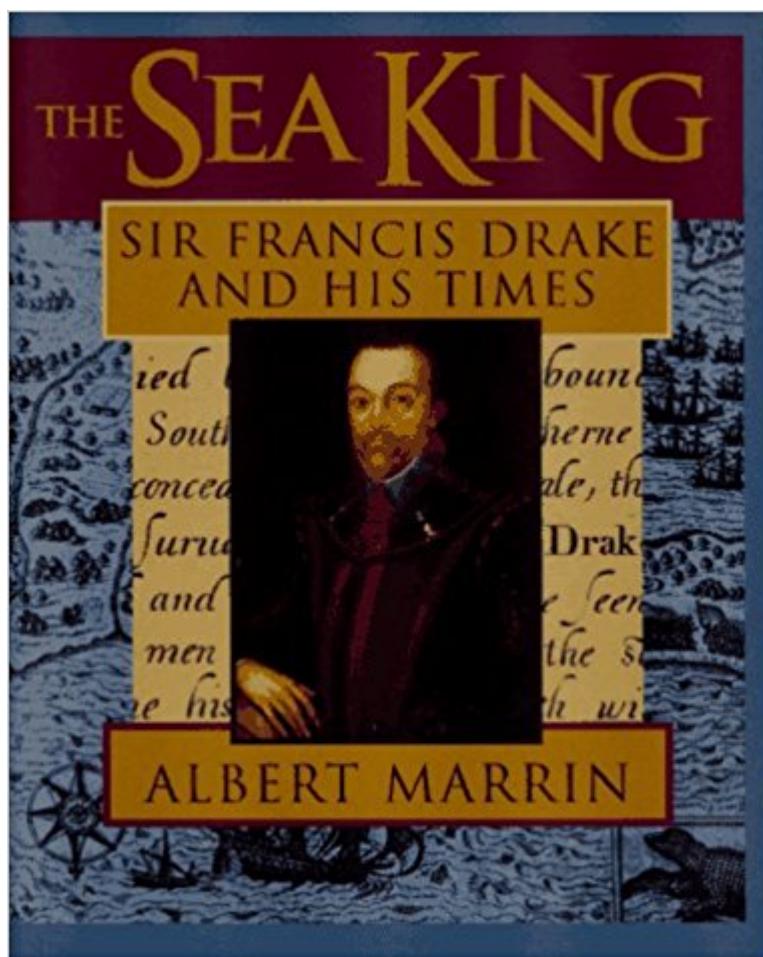


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# The Sea King: Sir Francis Drake And His Times



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