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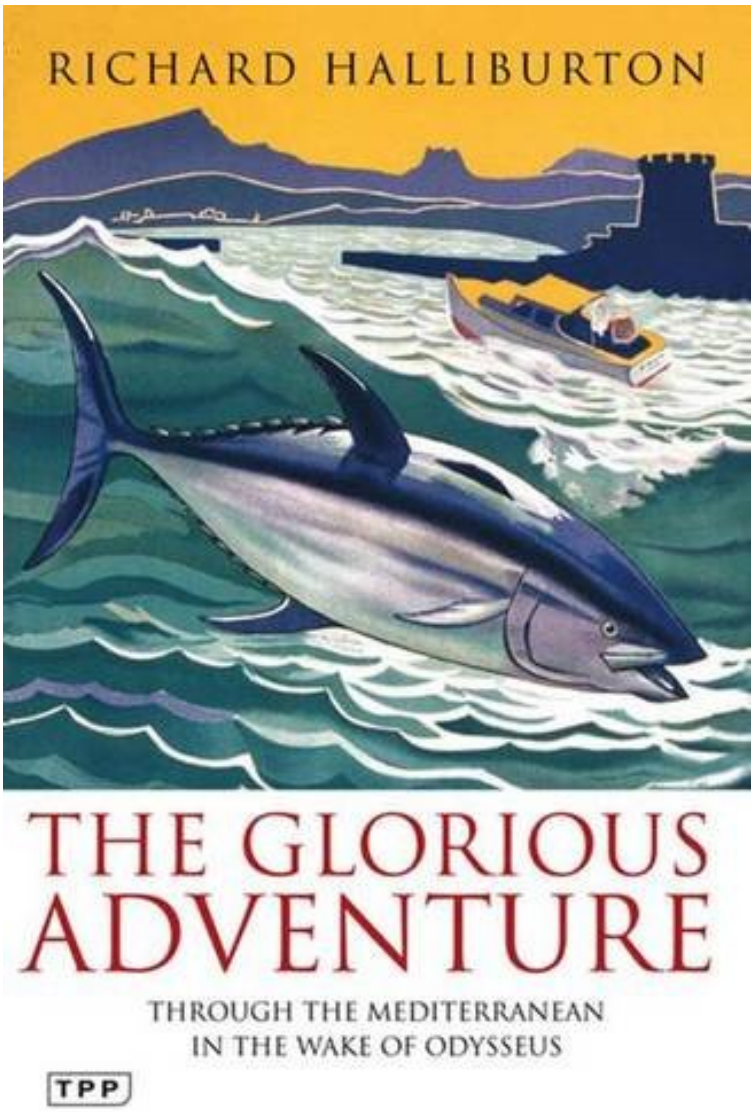

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The book is a joy and none but a man with fine true instinct of a poet could have written it. -- The Spectator'Halliburton made me lustfully aware that the world was very big and very old; that its seeable wonders and its learnable stories were innumerable; and that I might see these wonders myself and learn the stories attached to them.' (Susan Sontag)About the AuthorRichard Halliburton (1900-1939) was America's greatest adventurer and one of the most successful adventure travel writers of the 20th Century. Through a life spent chasing horizons and concocting daring schemes--from swimming the length of the Panama Canal to flying around the world in an open cockpit plane, or crossing the Alps on an elephant--Halliburton dazzled the western world. His final adventure, sailing a junk across the Pacific, was also his last. Halliburton disappeared in March 1939 and was never seen again. A great and original traveler, his wild adventures live on in the books that have captivated millions of readers and inspired generations of writers.