

The People of the Sea

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The People of the Sea are a people who, when chased from their homeland by vicious barbarians, build huge sprawling cities on the water in an ever drifting search for the mythical *Far Shore*. The People are on an epic quest to fulfill the prophesy of the Revornouk which was the song sang on the deathbed of Hamuk, the Deliverer. As the eight tribes: *the Oxaxa, the Gunar, the Auka, the Chinoik, the Selousfku, the Haro, the Qdeh, and the Mapuche*, begin to drift apart, the Mapuche decide to help the *Palia Karnohuoa*. The *Palia Karnohuoa* are the first race and are fighting a losing struggle against the evil sorcerer *Shezula* who has the upper body of what resembles a man, and the lower body of a giant octopus.

As the Mapuche are breaking away, the scout Elias from the army of the People is sent to spy on them. Simultaneously, the Shamaness Ursa and her lover Tumarak are separated when Tumarak joins the Navy. As his ship is captured by the Mapuche, Ursa sets out on a quest to find her lost love. When she meets up with Elias and a frisky seal named Zs Zs, alliances will change and societies will fall in this great adventure story.

The author succeeds in pointing out that the characters will go long distances and become subject to great perils for love. In the People's epic quest to survive, as loyalties are divided those who choose "right" reap the rewards.

"The People of the Sea" is mainly for kids ages 12 to 16, but can be enjoyed by all. If you like adventure stories, you will enjoy this book. Scott Marcano is an excellent writer, and I am looking forward to any of his future novels. My favorite part is when Shezula attacks the Mapuche on their own ships to stop them from aiding the *Palia Karnohuoa*. It was a passage that surprised me at every turn. "The People of the Sea" is good for anyone who is interested in the sea or just a whopping great adventure story.

In this tale full of rebellions, assassinations and evil monsters, unbelievable adventure unfolds as the People fulfill the ancient prophesy and fight the final battle against evil. In this tale full of dashing deeds, dark treachery and remarkable heroes and villains, "The People of the Sea" is an excellent book.

