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This modern pirate yarn has all the makings of a great true adventure tale and is also an exploration of the ways our culinary tastes have all manner of unintended consequences for the world around us.

Hooked is a story about the poaching of the Patagonian toothfish (known to gourmands as Chilean Sea Bass) and is built around the pursuit of the illegal fishing vessel *Viarsa* by an Australian patrol boat, *Southern Supporter*, in one of the longest pursuits in maritime history.

Author G. Bruce Knecht chronicles how an obscure fish merchant in California "discovered" and renamed the fish, kicking off a worldwide craze for a fish no one had ever heard of - and everyone had to have. And with demand exploding, pirates were only too happy to satisfy our taste for Chilean Sea Bass.

Knecht - whose previous book *The Proving Ground* was hailed by Walter Cronkite as "a sailing masterpiece...a tale more thrilling than fiction"?captivates readers by deftly shifting among the story's nail-biting elements: The perilous chase at sea through frenzied winds, punishing waves, and an obstacle course of icebergs; the high-stakes environmental battle and courtroom drama; and the competitive battle among the world's restaurants to serve the perfect, flaky, white-fleshed fish.

From the world's most treacherous waters to its most fabulous kitchens, *Hooked* is at once a thrilling tale and a revelatory popular history that will appeal to a diverse group of readers. Think *Kitchen Confidential* meets *The Hungry Ocean*.

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