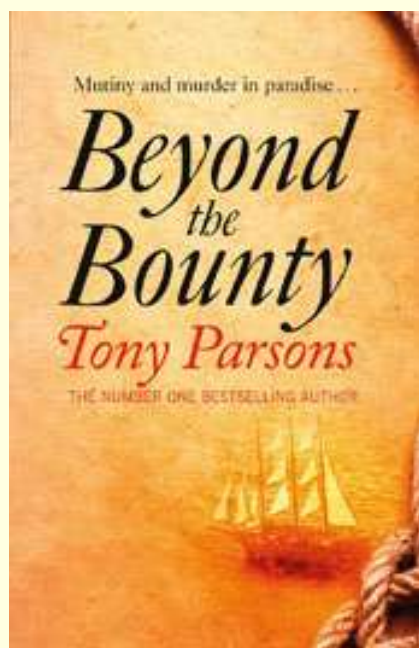


# Beyond the Bounty – Historical fiction



## Beyond the Bounty by Tony Parsons

### About the book

The Bounty mutineers think they have reached paradise when they find Pitcairn, a remote island in the South Pacific.

Safe from the British Navy, they settle with their Tahitian wives and look forward to living a life of tropical heaven. But feuds over women, alcohol-fuelled fights and illness combine to pick off the sailors one-by-one until only two men remain.

You can read and listen to the first chapter on the Skillswise website: [bbc.co.uk/skillswise/learners/quick-reads/adult-learning-quick-reads-beyond-the-bounty](http://bbc.co.uk/skillswise/learners/quick-reads/adult-learning-quick-reads-beyond-the-bounty)

**What is historical fiction?** Writers of historical fiction take known facts, often about famous events, and mix them with imaginative detail.

### Fact ...

- The Bounty mutiny is well-documented by historians.
- All the characters in the book were real people, whose names and positions on ship can be found in history books and British Navy records from the time.

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### ... or fiction?

- No one knows exactly what happened to the mutineers during their first years on Pitcairn. Many of the events described in the books happened, but historical records of Fletcher Christian's death are unclear.