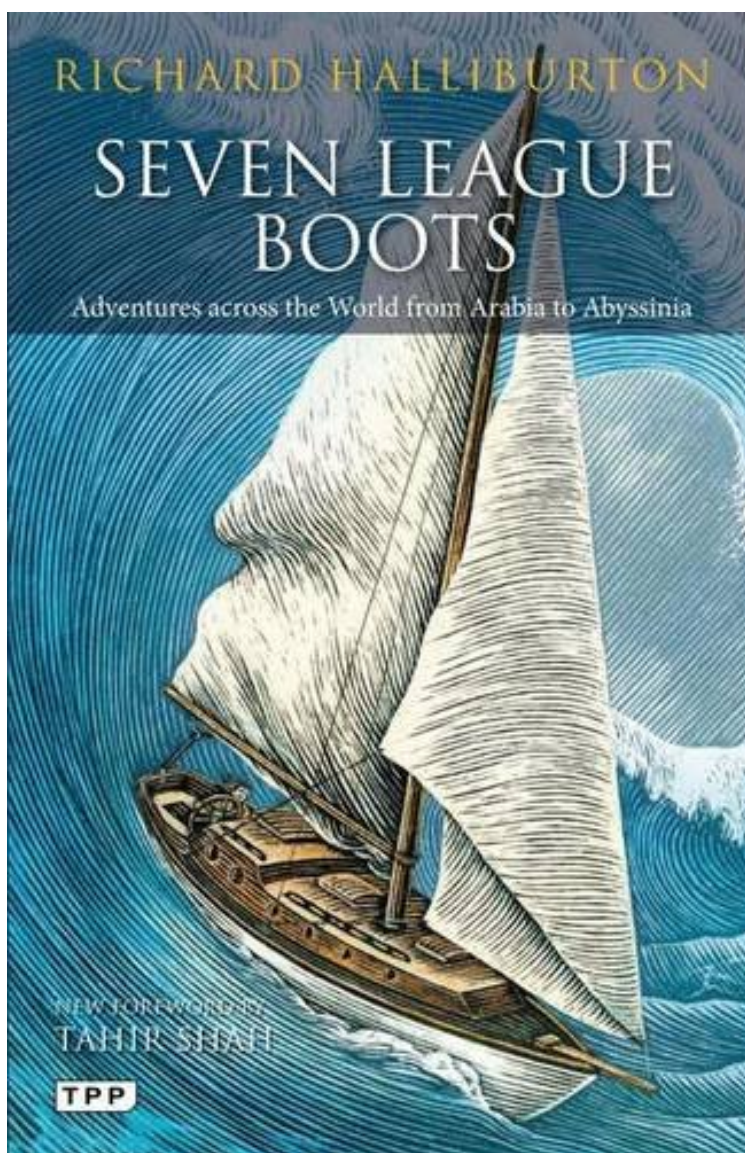


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Richard Halliburton's fifth and last book, Seven League Boots, illustrates how he followed the orders to move fast, visit strange places, and meet anyone who was interesting with passion and abandon. America's favorite adventure writer dined with Haile Selassie and rode the Rhinoceros Express in Ethiopia, had an audience with King Ibn Saud outside the gates of Mecca (which he had tried to sneak into), and finally rode an elephant over the Alps, following the tracks of Hannibal. This is Halliburton at his best, reckless and romantic, and it is the last chapter of a life grown tragic. Nearing 40, physically exhausted, and in financial trouble, Halliburton thought to roll the dice once again, hoping that the charm that had always saved him in the past would materialize one more time. Soon after finishing this book, he embarked on his last, fatal, journey.

'From the Jazz Age through the Great Depression to the eve of World War II, he thrilled an entire generation of readers. Clever, resourceful, undaunted, cheerful in the face of dreadful odds, ever-optimistic about the world and the people around him, always scheming about his next adventure - a spokesman for the youth of a generation.' - James O'ReillyAbout the AuthorRichard Halliburton (1900-1939) was America's great adventurer and one of the most successful adventure travel writers of the twentieth century. Through a life spent chasing horizons and concocting ever more daring schemes - from swimming the length of the Panama Canal to flying around the world in an open cockpit plane to 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. His wild adventures live on in the books that have captivated millions of readers and inspired generations of writers.