White-Jacket, or The World
in a Man-of-War
by Herman Melville (1819-1891)

White-Jacket is a tale based on Melville’s experiences aboard the USS United States from 1843 to 1844. It comments on the harsh and brutal realities of service in the US Navy at that time, but beyond this the narrator has created for the reader graphic symbols for class distinction, segregation and slavery aboard this microcosm of the world, the USS Neversink.

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