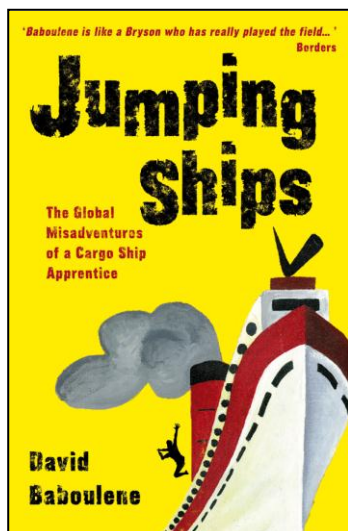


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Jumping Ships

**The Global Misadventures of a
Cargo Ship Apprentice**

David Baboulene

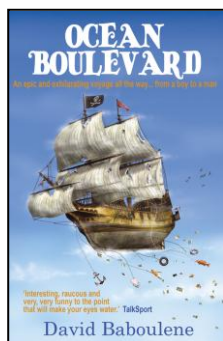
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“My knees went. My brain blew a fuse ... I know men are renowned for thinking of sex every minute of the day, but with her in the room, it was impossible not to. She was perfect. Absolutely perfect, and I was in love ...”

But like so many of David (Windy) Baboulene's ill-fated, hormone-fuelled adventures, his whirlwind romance with an Afrikaans, student nurse in Durban was bound to mean just one thing: trouble! Within hours of meeting her (and eagerly anticipating a new sexual experience), our gullible hero finds himself sporting silver high-heels and a charming nightie just to satisfy her insatiable and passionate desire for practical jokes!

On a global tour that takes him from Canada to India and Africa to Greece, David tries in vain to keep out of trouble. Whether he's poaching in the Lake District, heli-skiing in Canada, taking on the pirates of Nigeria or simply enjoying a relaxing meal at (what he *thinks* is) a Greek taverna ... his misadventures will make you weep with laughter.

Gritty and raucous, these true confessions of adventures in the Merchant Navy are a riot from start to finish. But, for all the humour, his shipboard tales are also sometimes frightening, sometimes shocking – and often strangely moving as they chart David's own growing maturity.



Jumping Ships is the sequel to David Baboulene's acclaimed **Ocean Boulevard** (Summersdale, 2007, £8.99) which described his first voyage with the Merchant Navy as a fresh-faced 16-year-old unfamiliar with the ways of the world, gruesome shipboard initiation ceremonies and the wiles of the mysterious opposite sex. Here's what the press said then:

- *“Baboulene is like a Bryson who has really played the field ...”* Borders Books
- *“When I got to the end it was like saying goodbye to an old friend. The story on Barbados is one of the funniest I've ever read.”* Mark Green, TalkSport
- *“Top star rating for these tall tales and youthful high jinx. Perfect holiday reading.”* MAXIM

Author, David Baboulene grew up near Croydon, South London. From the age of 16 he traveled the world working on ships. As well as completing his Deck Officer Cadetship in the British Merchant Navy, **David Baboulene** has been a welder, a radio DJ, a cabbie, an award-winning scriptwriter and a published songwriter; he also made a million in the IT boom in the nineties and lost it all again, goddammit. He is now a professional writer and lives by the sea in Brighton with his wife and four sons.

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