

QUICK CARD: *CARRY ON, MR. BOWDITCH*



Reference	<i>Carry On, Mr. Bowditch.</i> Jean Lee Latham. (1956) ISBN: 978-0618250745
Plot	Although he longs to be a Harvard man, precocious Nat Bowditch is “becalmed” when he is apprenticed to a ship chandler. Nat must learn to “sail by ash breeze” to reach his goals of gaining an education and becoming an accomplished navigator.
Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1779 Salem, Massachusetts • Post-Revolutionary War America • Spans the time from Nat Bowditch’s childhood into his adult career • The Sea/Natural elements • Foreign ports of call
Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathaniel Bowditch, protagonist • Nat’s family: Mother, Father, Granny, Mary, Hab, Lizza, and William • Tom Perry, the sailor from whom Nat bought “expectations” • Master Watson, Nat’s schoolteacher • Dr. Holyoke and Dr. Bentley, educated men who aid Nat in his efforts at education • Ben Meeker, an old, embittered man becalmed in his youth by apprenticeship to the chandlery, an antagonist to Nat • Sam Smith, a sailor who teaches Nat to “sail by ash breeze”
Conflict	Man vs. Himself Man vs. Fate/God
Theme	“Sailing by Ash Breeze” or Industry Fortitude and Diligence Perseverance and Hope Providence

Literary Devices	Symbolism Foreshadowing
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