



## The Free Sea: With William Welwod's Critique and Grotius's Reply (Paperback)

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Liberty Fund Inc, United States, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 223 x 152 mm. Language: Latvian,English . Brand New Book. The freedom of the oceans of the world and coastal waters has been a contentious issue in international law for the past four hundred years. The most influential argument in favor of freedom of navigation, trade, and fishing was that put forth by the Dutch theorist Hugo Grotius in his 1609 *Mare Liberum* ( *The Free Sea* ). *The Free Sea* was originally published in order to buttress Dutch claims of access to the lucrative markets of the East Indies. It had been composed as the twelfth chapter of a larger work, *De Jure Praedae* ( *Commentary on the Law of Prize and Booty* ), which Grotius had written to defend the Dutch East India Company's capture in 1603 of a rich Portuguese merchant ship in the Strait of Singapore. Liberty Fund's new edition of *The Free Sea* is the only translation of Grotius's masterpiece undertaken in his own lifetime, left in manuscript by the English historian, Richard Hakluyt (1552-1616). It also contains William Welwod's critique of Grotius (reprinted for the first time since the seventeenth...



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