



## Not Enough Room to Swing a Cat: Naval Slang and Its Everyday Usage

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Bloomsbury Publishing PLC. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Not Enough Room to Swing a Cat: Naval Slang and Its Everyday Usage, Martin Robson, 'As the crow flies', "chunder", "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey", "three sheets to the wind" - many terms like these are used in everyday English language conversation and writing. But how many landlubbers know that they derive from naval slang or know what the phrase originally referred to? The navy has helped to shape modern society. The navy is famous for its traditions, quirks and nuances. It is distinctly different to wider society and nowhere is this more evident than in language. The naval community once had its own language, incomprehensible to anyone who was not a sailor, which described and explained his unique world. But on shore leave these men introduced their language to the populations of bustling ports and harbours and the usage slowly spread inland. Today through the mediums of film, television and music, naval slang has been brought to the wider public and has become fully integrated into the English language to point where many phrases are used by people who have no concept of their meaning....

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