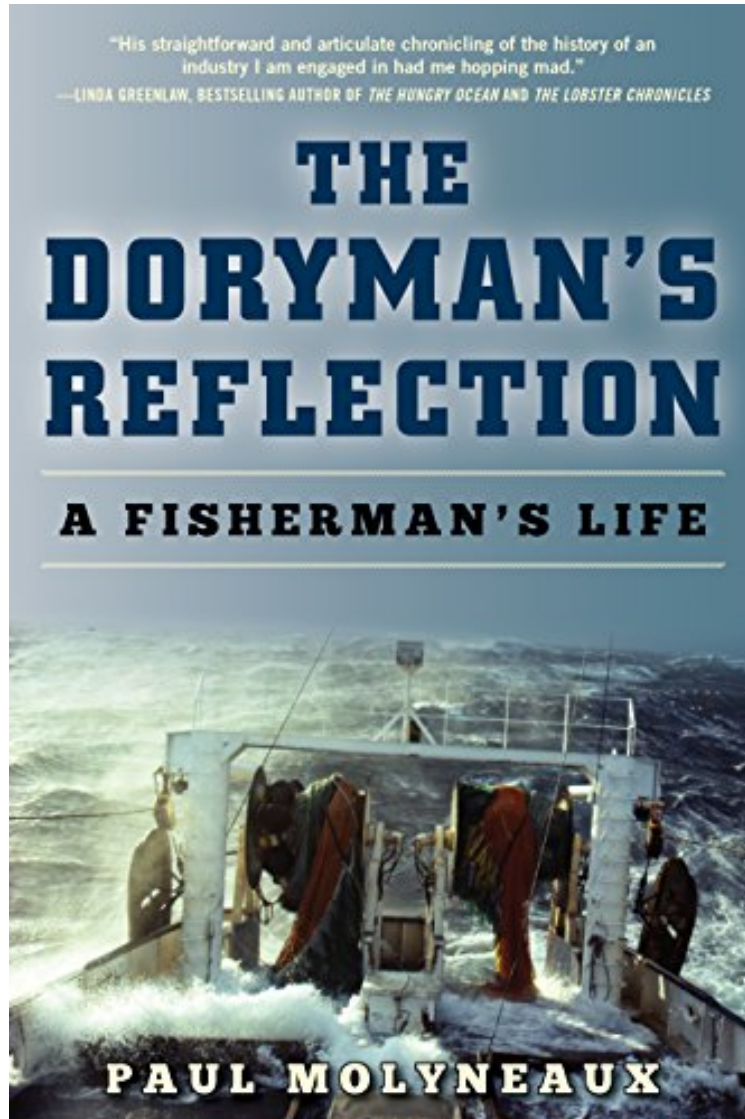


The Doryman's Reflection: A Fisherman's Life

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In Downeast circles, Paul Molyneaux is arguably the most respected non-scientific writer covering the world of commercial fishing, which he knows as both a participant and an observer. 'Doryman's Reflection' is part-memoir, part history of the industry, and part analysis of the regulatory approach. Starting from his days as a 'lumper,' shucking scallops on a New Jersey dock, Molyneaux fishes from Alaska to the Gulf of Maine, and takes the reader by the hand through the whole process. The future is not a pretty one, according to Molyneaux. In the late eighteenth century economist Thomas Malthus predicted

that the earth's population would surpass global food supplies. Malthus failed to predict the onset of the Industrial Revolution, which proved him wrong - at least so far. Advances in agriculture, through the application of technology, now provide food for the world while using much less land and even less manpower. The same advances have mechanized the taking of fish, but have not had a similar effect on the ability of fish-stocks to regenerate. In fact, climate change now threatens over-stressed undersea populations even further, creating a destructive 'perfect storm.' Is 'fish farming' the answer to this paradox? Molyneaux warns of some of the consequences, while also observing that there are many unknowns and that new developments also bring new hazards. One thing is certain, he observes: The costs involved in fish-farming preclude the possibility that this method can be used to 'feed the world,' pricing the product well beyond the reach of most of the globe. Malthus would approve of the result: only wealthy nations will be able to consume the products of the sea, with developing nations consigned to the scanty remnants. I have heard Molyneaux speak, and have shaken his hand, but am quite sure he will not recall my name. For readers interested in commercial fishing or the history of Maine waters, this is a must-read. JD Rule Lubec, ME 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another Good Read from a Known Author By William Hezlep The Doryman's Reflection is an excellent book about the problems of sustainable fishing and the coastal environment. While the book is very serious, it is also an enjoyable book to read and not at all a strident "the sky is falling-scream and shout and dance about" type thing. Paul Molyneaux writes very well and writes about what he knows. The book is in five sections, each of which is a complete story or booklet, able to stand on its own, it can be read over a number of nights or airline flights. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in and cares about the coastal environment, the sea, fishing and the fish we eat. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Dorymen By Redeemed Lobster Thanks for the quick shipment. It's a very good read for the local people, since this boat is part of that history.

What happens when the oceans are emptied of all their fish? What happens when three hundred years of human knowledge and expertise disappear before the onslaught of the technology-driven world? The Doryman's Reflection is simply the most accurate and eloquent account of what transpired in the New England fisheries over the past half century, as told by the people who lived it, including author Paul Molyneaux. Fishermen survive as relics, the last hunter-gatherers among us. Their boats, crammed with ropes and nets, carry the mystique of a nearly forgotten world ruled by the elements. Now an accomplished writer, Molyneaux as a young man journeyed to Maine with no experience and a dream of working on a boat. This is the story of his apprenticeship with Bernard Raynes, one of Maine's last independent commercial fishermen. The Doryman's Reflection speaks to those who want to know what really happened, and what will happen, on our oceans. Part coming-of-age memoir, part biography, it is a very personal account of what families in this dying but important industry face each day. Molyneaux shares his own history as a young man seeking the fisherman's life in Maine and Alaska. Originally published in 2005, it has been thoroughly updated to cover the events of the past ten years. Told through the life of the colorful and engaging Bernard Raynes, The Doryman's Reflection is alive and real and powerful—far from a dry, pedantic treatise on the economics of commercial fishing.

From Booklist Former deep-sea fisherman Molyneaux opens a window onto the harsh and fast-disappearing industry in which he worked for 20 years. From his first job packing scallops in Cape May, New Jersey, Molyneaux travels between California and Alaska, finally ending up in Maine, where he works on the scallop boat built by Bernard Raynes, whose family had fished there and off Nova Scotia since the 1640s. Bernard's family history is a microcosm of the history of ocean fishing in this country, and the author imbues it with his own obvious love for this way of life. Bernard's recollections reveal how technological improvements and political moves, like the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, which eliminated competition from foreign boats, led first to the "boom years" of the late 1970s, then to the gradual depletion of fish, one species after another. Now the industry is relying more and more on farmed fish, or "aquaculture," a sad time for those like Bernard, who wanted nothing more than to make their living from the sea. Deborah Donovan Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Paul Molyneaux began working in commercial fishing as a "lumper," unloading scallop boats, in 1976. He now writes about fisheries and marine issues for The New York Times, Yankee Magazine, and National Fisherman. He and his family split their time between Mexico and Maine.