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The King's Gold

By Arturo Perez-Reverte

Putnam, \$24.95, 304 pages

In the fourth novel in the Captain Alatriste series by Spanish author, Arturo Perez-Reverte, it is the seventeenth century, and we are in the beautiful city of Seville. The great Captain Alatriste and his 16-year-old protégé, Iñigo Balboa—the narrator—are recently back from the wars of

central Europe, nursing fresh scars and looking for action. Perez-Reverte skillfully catches the reader up on snippets of history from the series with enticing lines and anecdotes of the

past that leave the reader wanting to check out the earlier books. Alatriste is now given a fresh and daring mission, to take over an armed ship filled with the King's gold from the New World. He must pick a team of professionals he can trust, who will be able to handle themselves in a fight against trained soldiers, but who cannot know about the gold in the ship's hold.

Through the young and admiring eyes of Iñigo, *The King's Gold* is a swash-buckling tale of old Spain, gold, piracy, action, and adventure.

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