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“No writer I can think of, unless it is Sebastian Junger, might have written this obsessed, intrepid, and intelligent book.”

—Alec Wilkinson

“ ‘Nowhere in all America,’ wrote Herman Melville in *Moby-Dick*, ‘will you find more patrician-like houses, parks and gardens more opulent, than in New Bedford.’ Not any- more. *Down at the Docks* is about the lives of New Bedford fishermen—man against the sea, and all that—but it is much more; it is a hard, unvarnished look at New Bedford today, where the relic commercial fishing industry is only one of the components, and where the old ways run smack into modern problems like drug-smuggling, illegal immigration, organized crime, disorganized crime, and suffocating government regulations. Melville would have been shocked to see what has become of what he called ‘the dearest place to live in, in all of New England.’ Rory Nugent tells the fascinating story of New Bedford the way it really is, not the way wistful romantics would like to remember it.”

—Richard Ellis, author of *Men and Whales*

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