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voyages. The book mention the battle of Coronel and the Falklands in 1914 as well. If English is not your native language, I suggest to have a dictionary at hand, since lots of not very known words are used by the author (most of them are marine terms).Cape Horn is proudly Chilean and that is wrongly shown in the cover picture. The book contain maps, but if you can get one with more detail, better off. The southest part of Chile are just beautiful, you have splendid landscapes and desolated locations you don't find anywhere in the world. Certainly, a great place to travel and see for yourself.

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