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Sommario/riassunto	Written at the promptings of friends and family, the story of Midshipman Boys captivity and escape from Napoleonic France stands as an adventure yarn par excellence, it is however the true story of his trials after capture by the French in 1803. As a young sailor in the Royal Navy, Boys was posted to the Mediterranean as part of the ships crew of the Phoebe, a 38-gun frigate. Cruising off the French naval base of Toulon as part of the blockade carried out by the British to squeeze the sea-borne trade of the French Republic, the Phoebe captured two small prize vessels, of which Boys was appointed prize master. This was to be a fateful turning point for him. Chased by French frigates that the prize vessel could not outsail, Boys was captured and entered the prisoner of war system in Napoleon's France. From Toulon he went on the long journey northward to Verdun, the main prisoner of war depot then in use, his many adventures, including exorbitant extortions and attempts to escape are told with some modesty and a keen eye to the details. After a number of foiled attempts, he manages to escape and sets out on a journey to find a way back to England make for a fascinating and entertaining read. Author - Captain Edward Boys, R.N. (1785-1866)

