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Interview with Helen Rozwadowski, author of *Vast Expanses: A History of the Oceans*

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Helen Rozwadowski talks about the history of the oceans and how these oceans have shaped human history in profound ways. Rozwadowski is a professor of history at the University of Connecticut, Avery Point. She is the author of many books including *Vast Expanses: A History of the Oceans* (Reaktion Books, 2018).

Much of human experience can be distilled to saltwater: tears, sweat, and an enduring connection to the sea. In *Vast Expanses*, Rozwadowski weaves a cultural, environmental, and geopolitical history of that relationship, a journey of tides and titanic forces reaching around the globe and across geological and evolutionary time. (Source: [New Books Network](#))

In this episode of *New Books in History*, Michael F. Robinson interviews Helen Rozwadowski, professor of history at the University of Connecticut and a former fellow at the Rachel Carson Center. Rozwadowski has recently published the book *Vast Expanses: A History of the Oceans*.

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