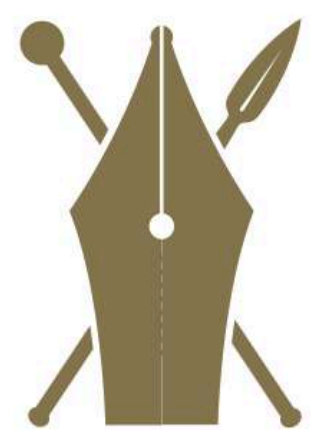


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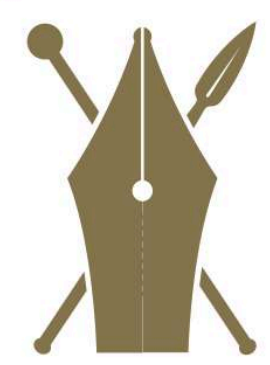


**“For years I felt myself a stowaway in my own life. But the sea has taught me this: such days as I have been granted...**

**...they are mine.”**

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**“In the main, they call me Mary Read. If I am to be remembered at all, it will likely be by that name. As for my true name? Go ask the sea.”**

