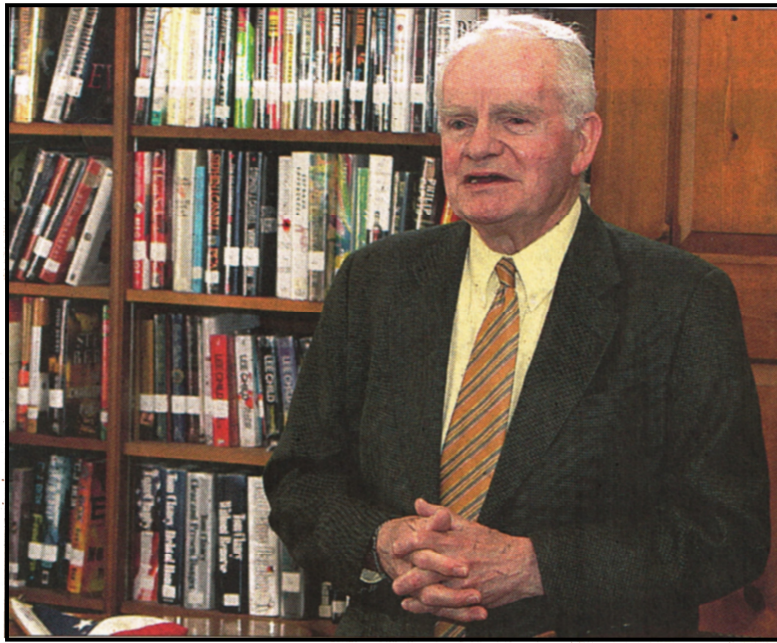


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Dr. Jerry Labriola's protagonist, Paul D'Arneau, returns in 'Diamonds and Pirates.'

# Pirates!

## LABRIOLA'S LATEST MYSTERY ABOUT MAYHEM ON THE HIGH SEAS

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**I**t started off like one of the many cruises Dr. Jerry Labriola of Naugatuck had taken over the years. But when the captain of the Queen Mary 2 ordered all passengers to leave their cabins and sit in the hallway, Labriola's mind turned to pirates.

It was a couple of years ago, when Somali pirate incidents continued to dominate the news. Labriola and his wife were sailing toward Australia. But the fear on this voyage didn't last very long. A British destroyer soon arrived and the would-be pirate ship disappeared.

The other cruise passengers likely went home with a good story to tell their friends and family members. But Labriola, a retired pediatrician, had an idea for his next book. In April, Labriola's 16th book, "Diamonds and Pirates" (\$24.95, Strong Books) was published. The mystery novel follows Labriola's recurring protagonist,

treasure hunter Paul D'Arneau as he attempts to locate a missing diamond box.

A cartel of prostitution, piracy and Peronism — as in a movement based on the legacy of former Argentine President Juan Domingo Peron and his second wife, Eva Peron — are the three guiding forces in the mystery, which takes readers around the world.

"I did a lot of research on the Perons and it was quite fascinating," said Labriola, 83, who has been a regular lecturer aboard cruise ships.

Labriola was a pediatrician in Naugatuck for 35 years before retiring in 1994. A former forensic pathologist in the U.S. Navy, he dabbled in politics before

turning to writing. Dr. Henry Lee co-authored four of his books. Lately, Labriola has been concentrating on fiction.

The online magazine, "Midwest Book Review" called "Diamonds and Pirates" a "riveting read ... impressively well written from beginning to end and continues to document Labriola as a major storyteller talent."

Steve Reilly, of the Connecticut Authors and Publishers Association, called it a "shocking read for those who thrive on spine-tingling action and spellbinding story twists."

Labriola has no intentions of slowing down with his writing and is already well into his next book.

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**"DIAMONDS AND PIRATES"** by Dr. Jerry Labriola (\$24.95, Strong Books)

