The Cargo Rebellion
Those Who Chose Freedom

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Bold and exciting, this graphic tale of mutiny on the high seas tells the true story of the Robert Bowne Rebellion of 1852—in which indentured Chinese men overthrew their captor and slave trader the American businessman Captain Lesley Bryson. This stand against American capitalism and the global economy that profited from exploitation and death. This often-overlooked part of history is brought to life through lively prose, meticulous research of archival material, by Benjamin Barson, Jason Oliver Chang, Alexis Dudden, with wonderful graphic illustration by Kim Inthavong. The Cargo Rebellion does lasting justice to the memory of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese and South Asian workers were indentured in the “coolie trade,” in hope of building a movement where human slavery can be abolished forever.

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