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By the turn of the twentieth century, racing for the America's Cup was no longer simply a gentleman's game. Fraught with danger and political tension, the contest for the Cup had become a showcase of technological innovation and national grit. In 1903, the fabulously wealthy tea tycoon, Sir Thomas Lipton, gave Britain's most celebrated naval architects carte blanche to produce *Shamrock III*. In response, the American designer Nathanael G. Herreshoff built *Reliance*, a defender that was so big and bold—carrying more canvas than any single-masted vessel ever before—that it ushered in a new era of naval architecture and fundamentally shaped the future of the America's Cup. From conception to construction, through hair-raising sea trials to the grand finale of a race like no other, this beautiful and dangerous vessel comes to life in *Temple to the Wind*, one of the most exciting sailing stories ever told.

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