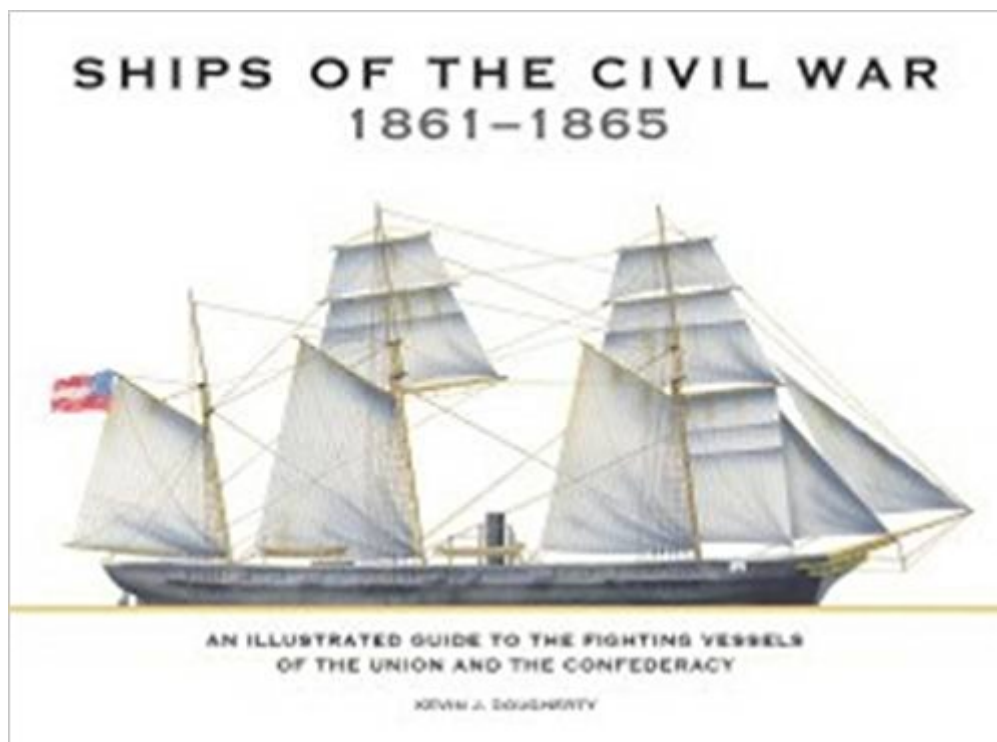




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Ships Of The Civil War 1861-1865: An Illustrated Guide To The Fighting Vessels Of The Union And The Confederacy (Naval History)



Synopsis

The Civil war may be mainly remembered for its infamous land battles, such as Gettysburg, Manassas, and Shiloh, but its naval engagements announced a new kind of naval warfare, with the first-time use of ironclads, submarines, and torpedoes, and the introduction of newer and more powerful naval artillery. The conflict saw the use of paddle-driven river boats, steam warships, ram ships, sloops, cruisers, and the development of new ironclad ships such as low-lying monitors. Arranged by type of ship, *Ships of the Civil War* provides concise coverage of some of the most famous warships of the era, including: the seminal duel between the ironclads CSS Virginia and the USS Monitor, the Confederate raider Alabama's demise off the USS Kearsage; and one of the first successful actions by a submarine, when CSS Hunley exploded a mine beneath the Federal gunboat USS Housatonic. The book also includes blockade runners, such as A.D. Vance and Hope; raiders, such as CSS Sumter and USS Quaker City; and cruisers, like the CSS Tallahassee, which spectacularly raided northern waters, destroying dozens of Federal merchantmen in the process. Filled with colorful artworks, expertly written background, and useful specifications of more than 120 fighting ships of the era, *Ships of the Civil War* is a handy guide to an often ignored aspect of the great struggle between North and South.

REVIEWS

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Customer Reviews

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This is a very well done book for reference or as a general guide to model building; the best feature is a one page horizontal format color painting (drawing) of each vessel. The opposite page (left) from the drawing contains general information about the vessel and brief operational notes. There is at least one vessel of each major combat type used in the civil war. so as you are reading other material on the civil war and a vessel comes up, you can refer to this book quickly and see what the other publication is referring to. I would recommend this book to civil war buffs in general and possibly to naval historians who desire a general view of ships of the American Civil War. I would not recommend this to one looking for plans or in-depth detail of a specific vessel or vessels, or for in-depth description of naval operations. Overall, good value for the money.

This is one of the better books in this genre. It gives a good view of the types of vessels used in the USN and The CSN. The fact that the USN had such an advantage in facilities, vessels, manpower, and ship building capability does not overshadow the ingenuity and new vessel types that the CSN were able to build and operate. The fact that the Hampton Roads battle between CSS VIRGINIA and USS MONITOR changed the face of naval warfare forever is simply the door opener to the facts provided on both navies. Civil War buffs, especially those interested in the naval aspects of the war between the states should have this book in their library.

There actually was a water born element to the Civil War despite what fans of Grant and Lee might think. I highly recommend this a piece to fill in a blank hole in the puzzle.

great source of warships from the civil war, gives more information about ironclads, raiders and blockade runners. did'nt know there were this many different styles of warships.

The book needs an editor. There are too many mistakes, like items (such as a ship's overall length) in a details box and repeated on the same page in the general text...but they don't agree. This occurs several times throughout the book. Also, the advertising blurb for the book suggests the book has several cut-away drawings of the ships. tht was one reason I wanted it. Sorry; there is only one cut-away. Very disappointing.

I bought this for my brother, because he had been looking for a copy to replace the one he once had. Yes he is very happy to own this book once again.

It is a gift for a Civil War Living History portrayer who plays a Federal Civil war admiral. It looks like it will be very helpful.

Very enjoyable! Great reference book if you are interested in the American Civil War (which is my passion)!

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