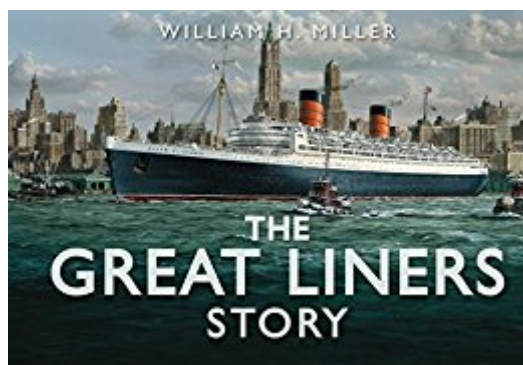


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I'm somewhat new to maritime history, I've known a lot about the Titanic for most of my life and I've been going on cruises with my family and understand the allure (no pun intended, I hate those two behemoths anyway) of sea travel. Anyway, I had ordered a copy of The Only Way to Cross: The Golden Era of the great Atlantic express liners---from the Mauretania to the France and the Queen Elizabeth 2 and thought that this book would be a good companion, it arrived early, so I figured I'd

give it a read. Bill Miller's style is very easy to read and he cuts right to the chase on each era/liner in the book. The book reads much like a condensed version of *The Only Way to Cross*, albeit with slightly more fore and aft. What I mean by the corny pun is that Miller's book covers more time. Miller starts in the 1890's when Kaiser Wilhelm II decided to engage in some one-ups-manship with the British, and he ends with the *Allure of the Seas*, the current largest ship at 225,000+ GT ( For comparisons sake, the Titanic was about 39,000 GT by modern gross tonnage standards. ) The update does definitely add to the book's value, as the current generation of ships is generally excluded from most commentary on the ocean liner (besides the Queen Mary 2) My only issue with this book is that it is very short, its about 130 pages and the book itself isn't "normal-sized" but much smaller. I bought this along with *The Only Way to Cross* because I wanted some new information on the liners. Like I previously said, there was some new material, but those sections are rather short.

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