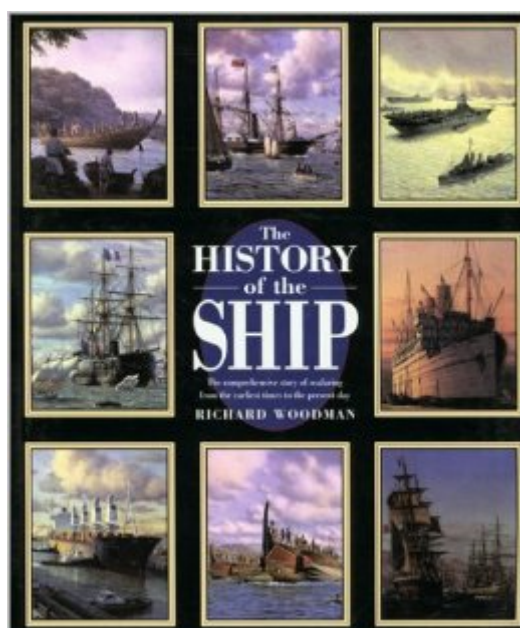


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A commanding view from the bridge, with more than 250 color and black-and-white illustrations, covering the complete history of seafaring.

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If you only own one book about the development of the ship through history, this would be a good one. It is clearly written and well organized. The author has summarized recent archeological finds and tells us what has been learned about the evolution of ship construction. He examines older notions as well as current thinking on Norse migration and ship use, and one element I found particularly useful is the examination of cargo carrying ships vs. war vessels. While war at sea is dramatic and influenced history, trade and transport was the engine of civilization and it is often overlooked in a book such as this. It represents a nice summary of Northern European ships and building. Other than very specialized texts, this is also one of the few books I've seen which looks at Eastern and mid-Eastern ship building and use. Woodman looks at these Eastern, as well as Classical and Mediterranean, traditions and shows how these blended with Northern European foundations to produce the ships we recognize from the so-called, "Age of Sail". He also looks at the historical side of the story to give an understanding of why certain things were done, what motivated changes in the shipping industry and how these impacted our modern world. If you want to understand something of how ships impacted our lives, and continue to do so to this day, this would be a good place to start.

I had to buy this book for a humanities course at my school about boats/ships. I have to say, it does do a good service to the history and concept behind all ships and boats from way back when up until today. The reading can get VERY DENSE at times, but it is well supplemented with pictures, diagrams, and portraits. If not required to buy this for any class or whatever, this would be a good book to peruse from time to time. If you are a ship fanatic, well you guys and gals would know better than me if this is worth being in your collection, but if you were to ask me, this should be a must!

In this large and attractive book, the author traces the history of the ship from the earliest dugouts to the war- and cargo-ships of the 1990s. Along the way, the reader is treated to a wealth of wonderful color pictures, and a wonderfully informative narrative. One would think that a work of such breadth would be short on details. And yet, somehow the author succeeds in giving the reader a relatively full understanding of the ship or technology that is being discussed. So, if you are interested in the ships of a certain era, or in ships in general, then I highly recommend that you get this book. It's really great!

It is expensive, but well historic worth the try. it is a lot of reading material but ship model making is not appropriate

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