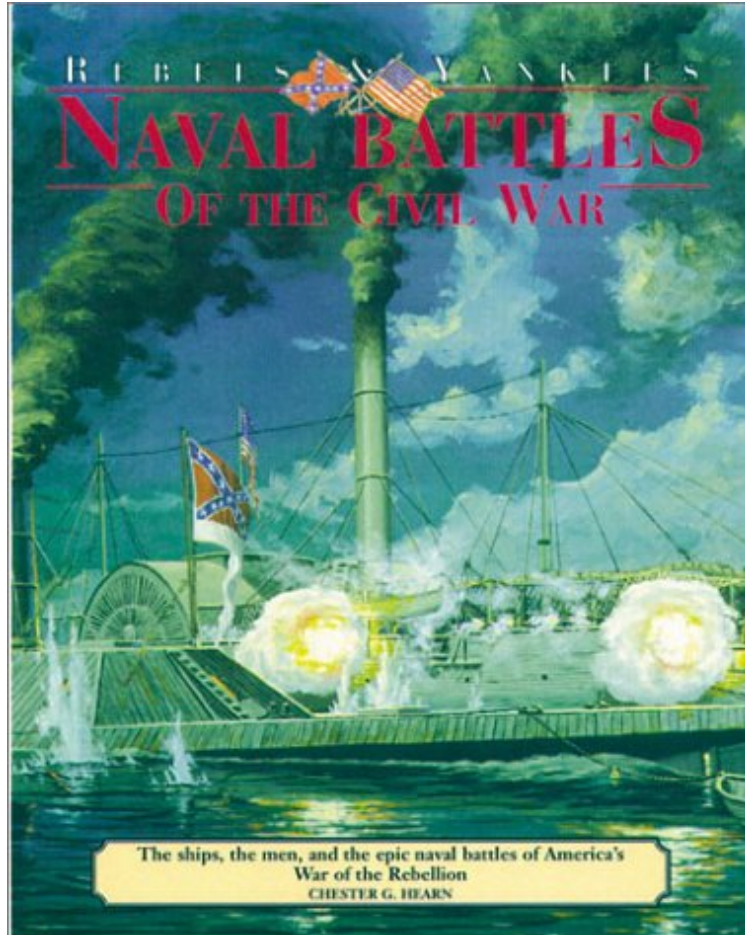


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Chester G. Hearn : Rebels and Yankees: Naval Battles of the Civil War before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rebels and Yankees: Naval Battles of the Civil War:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good selection of images, but don't rely on the text.By ReadsALotAuthor Chester Hearn deserves credit for a great coffee table book, and an interesting telling of the naval campaigns of the Civil war. The illustrations include many new-to-print views of the ships and men, and the maps are well-chosen to locate the action. I would give this book five stars except for the many factual errors (initial examples: p.8 and p.17: the purpose-built 90-day gunboats are called purchased commercial vessels; p.31: Hearn gives the sailing frigates USS Congress and Cumberland steam power for their battle with the CSS Virginia) and the occasional nonsensical comment (p.7: "...none [of the pre-war US Navy's warships] was capable of performing missions of war."). Sadly, because of the many obvious errors in well-covered areas, you have to doubt the new information that Hearn provides. The book has a large bibliography, but no source list for its fine photos and engravings. Also, I wish they had not chosen to bleed so many illustrations across the gutter, or to favor such large renditions of some photos

that granularity is the primary impression. With all that, this book (2000 edition) is well worth borrowing from the public library, and naval history buffs won't mind paying 6 or 8 dollars for a copy in very good condition. 4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Battles of the Civil War by Chester Hearn By Dr. Joseph S. Maresca This book is perfect for a school project. It contains many full color pictures of historic Civil War battles, equipment and combat weaponry. There are memorable pictures of war-torn recruits. This rendition very much captures the history of the period. Since there was no definitive resolution of the slavery question in the American Constitution, the question remained open to interpretation. The Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War resolved the question of slavery in favor of the Union. The Hearn book depicts the Monitor, CSS Virginia, Merrimac and the USS New Hampshire in full view. Sample swords and guns of the period are depicted for history buffs. Each state is listed with the dates of admission and secession from the Union. This book will complement your personal library. The pictures contained in the volume will assist in crafting any class project through the middle and high school years. The volume depicts the cities and towns of the period, as well as waterways and major thoroughfares of the time. Pictorially, the engineering feats of the period were considerable. The ironclad ships and weaponry were quite advanced for the period. The book is worth the price of admission. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A Good Reference By Kyle P. Dalton Chester G. Hearn is a pretty good author. Not the greatest, to be sure, but he writes his books knowledgeably (see "Tracks in the Sea" for his greatest work, in my opinion). In "Naval Battles of the Civil War" he rounds out the series of "Rebels and Yankees" books by William C. Davis. Davis is a fantastic historian with excellent writing skills. Nonetheless, he is obviously biased when it comes to the naval aspect of the Civil War. In the "Rebels and Yankees" series there are several errors in the artistic representation of sailors as well as factual errors in the print itself. Davis considers the Navies of the Civil War to be inconsequential because they did not see as much combat as the Army, and thus does not put much effort into recording them. Hearn, a naval historian, does a much better and much more thorough job than the usually adept Davis. There are a few small errors (a U.S. Marine button is erroneously declared a Naval officer's button), but "Naval Battles of the Civil War" is an otherwise fine and worthwhile book.

Naval Battles of the Civil War, written by acclaimed Civil War historian Chester G. Hearn, focuses on the maritime battles fought between the Confederate Rebels and the Union forces in waters off the eastern seaboard and the great rivers of the United States during the Civil War. Since very few books have been written on this subject, this volume provides a fascinating and vital portrayal of one of the most important conflicts in United States history. Naval Battles of the Civil War is lavishly illustrated with rare contemporary photographs, detailed artworks, and explanatory maps, and the text is a wonderful blend of technical information, fast-flowing narrative, and informed commentary.