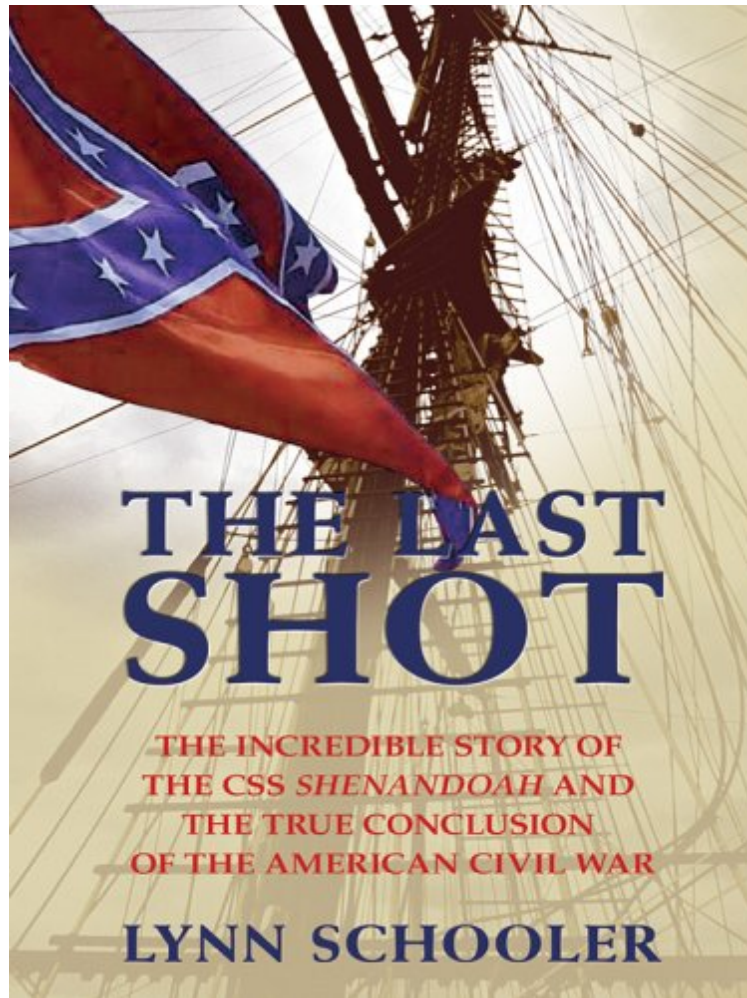


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Needed more adventureBy MunseyfloraThe Navy of the Confederate States had over a dozen ocean cruisers or raiders planned to molest and destroy shipping that supported the Union cause. The C.S.S. Alabama was, perhaps, the most infamous among them. While less well known, the Shenandoah circumnavigated the globe, sunk many vessels, fired the last shot of the Civil War (hence the title), continued her exploits long after the war was over (unbeknownst to the crew), and eventually surrendered to Great

Britain. British support of the ship's exploits resulted in a lawsuit by the United States against Great Britain (which the American's won). Much of the book is based upon diaries of the officers aboard, detailing a sailor's life of alternate boredom and panic and grumbling against officers. The ship sailed undermanned and appropriated members from captured vessels; crew behavior is a frequent subject. There are no figures in support of the text. The author chose not to include maps, making some of the extended voyage hard to follow (unless the reader has a detailed knowledge of global geography). In many cases the author has chosen to "translate" some of the English diary entries, which can be annoying to the reader. In general, it is a good story but I found the author's preponderance of crew detail distracting from the adventure. Towards the end, one has to feel badly for the crew; having gone to sea for a cause and government that no longer existed, what happens to them now? Read the book for the interesting conclusion. For me, the adventure should have been the focus, but the crew got in the way.

In the Autumn of 1864, at the height of the American Civil War, the Confederate raider Shenandoah received orders to "seek out and utterly destroy" the whaling fleets of New England as part of an effort to bleed the Union of its economic strength. The voyage of the raider would capture or sink thirty-eight ships, take more than a thousand prisoners, and end in a conflagration that began almost a full three months after General Lee lay down his sword.