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I am a civil war navy buff and liked the technical data on possibly more vessels than ever collected under one cover. The casual civil war buff will not get much from the book but a hard core fanatic like myself will absolutely love it.

This is one of the best volumes to date about civil war ships and ironclads. I'm a model kit builder/designer of American Civil War kits and it is a wonderful resource with most of the current information about these vessels. It contains tons of information about every vessel making it a perfect addition to any Civil War buff's library.

This is a useful reference, but I should point out one amusing error: page 57 and part of 58 list the particulars of the Alert class and the Adams class of ship-rigged steam gunboats, along with a half-page picture of the USS Huron. The data explains that these ships were laid down in 1873 and 1874. Nothing explains why they are in a book about the Civil War.

It is a general description on nearly all vessels of the ACW. Format entry for all vessels including

small tugs. I found it to be a great reference for tabletop wargaming the ACW navy period. Many authors of game rules should read this. It lists all the guns and modifications to the number and type of guns during the war. However, early sailing vessels used in the war are lightly covered and can be found in detail in another book for that period.

Mr. Silverstone gives a general description of Civil War ironclads with a few pictures included in the book. The descriptions are the same layout for each ship describing the same characteristics, but if a basic general reference of almost all ironclads used during the civil war is what you are looking for, this is the book.

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