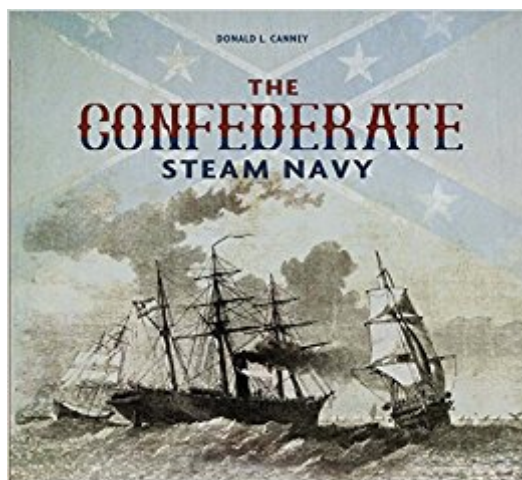


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Donald L. Canney is a historian and author of eight books. He specializes in 19th century naval history and the transition from sail to steam power. Don was registrar for the U.S. Coast Guard national museum program until retiring in 2006.

There actually was a water born element to the Civil War despite what fans of Grant and Lee might think. I highly recommend this a piece to fill in a blank hole in the puzzle.

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convenient location. I would have given it 5 stars if it were not for the rather small font size (almost a given for any book printed in China) and the fact the the title pages of each chapter are printed in ?gold? ink on a dark blue background which in conjunction with the small font size makes them very difficult to read without the aid of a magnifying glass.

THE CONFEDERATE STEAM NAVY: 1861-1865 DONALD L. CANNEY SCHIFFER PUBLISHING, 2015 HARDCOVER, \$39.99, 192 PAGES, PHOTOGRAPHS, ILLUSTRATIONS, DIAGRAMS, APPENDIX, ENDNOTES, BIBLIOGRAPHY, INDEX The Union and Confederate navies fought their naval battles with an astonishing variety of warships. From graceful sailing ships to bizarre converted riverboats, the rival fleets used every vessel they could lay their hands on. Radically different ships mounted a wide range of armament from conventional cannon to rams, torpedoes, and mortars. They fought in narrow bayous and treacherous coastal waters, among Arctic ice floes, and off the shores of France. The War Between The States naval battles were a dramatic mixture of the old and the new. Although sails were still used for cruising at sea, steam-powered engines had replaced sail power for tactical maneuver. Naval guns now fired shells, as well as the traditional mixture of cannon balls, grapeshot, and canister. They were much larger, longer-ranged and more powerful than anything seen in the Napoleonic Wars. The introduction of ironclad warships rendered the two and three-deck wooden ships obsolete at the stroke of a pen. While both the French and British navies had launched large ocean-going iron plated warships with large caliber guns in 1860 and 1861, the real potential of armored warships was to be demonstrated most convincingly in America during The War Between The States. THE CONFEDERATE STEAM NAVY: 1861-1865 is the first book devoted to all types of vessels used by the Confederacy: ironclads, commerce raiders, cruisers, foreign-built ironclads, blockade runners, gunboats, riverboats, Mississippi River Defense Force, torpedo craft, submarines, and floating batteries. Using original plans, photographs, and illustrations, the author provides an excellent compendium for those wanting a true history of the vessels used by the Confederate Navy. While the previous reviewer has made the point about this book being published in the People's Republic of China, this is done because of cost. This has been the trend for a number of years among many U.S. publishers. Colonel Robert A. Lynn, Florida Guard Orlando, Florida

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