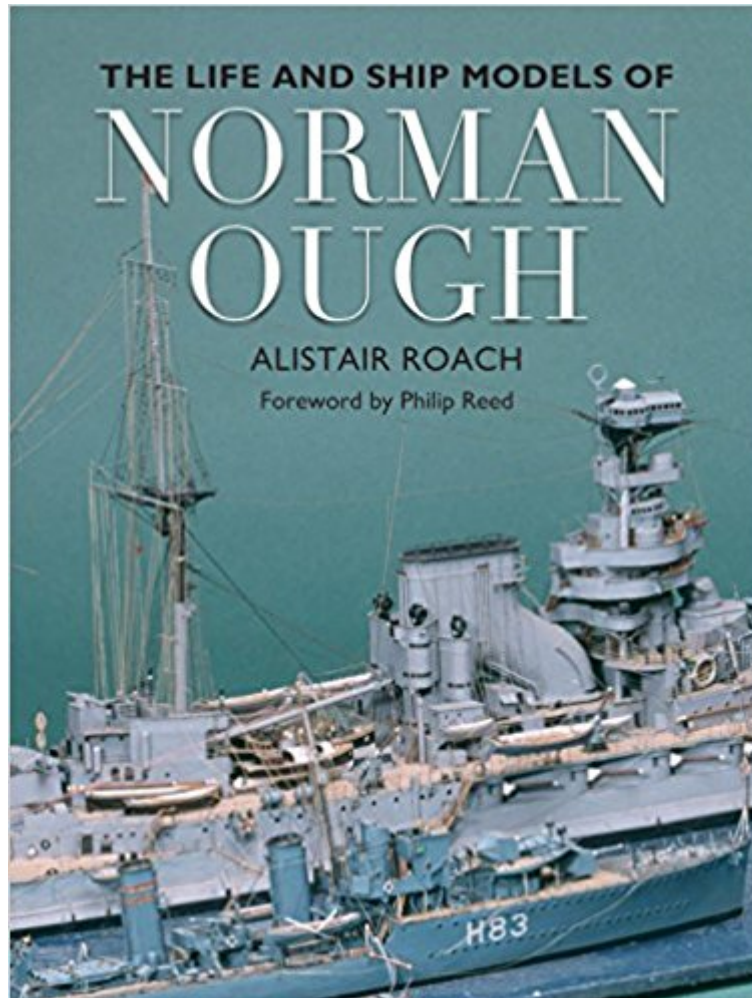




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The Life And Ship Models Of Norman Ough



Synopsis

Norman Ough is considered by many as the greatest ship modeler of the twentieth century and his exquisite drawings and meticulous models have come to be regarded as masterpieces of draftsmanship, workmanship and realism; more than technically accomplished ship models, they are truly works of art. This new book is both a tribute to his lonely genius and a practical treatise for model shipwrights. Ough lived most of his adult life far from the sea in an apartment in London, where his frugal existence and total absorption in his work led to hospitalization on at least two occasions. He was an eccentric in the truest sense but he also became one of the most sought-after masters of his craft. Earl Mountbatten had him model the ships he had served on and film production companies commissioned models for effects in several films. Incorporating many of his original articles from Model Maker Magazine, his detailed line drawings of ships now held by the Brunel Institute, and photographs of his models displayed in museums and at Mountbatten's home in Hampshire, this book presents an extraordinary level of practical information as well as an inspiring panorama of perhaps the most perfect warship models ever made.

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Alistair Roach has published articles in The Mariner's Mirror, The International Journal of Nautical Archaeology, Marine Modelling International and Model Boats Magazine. He is a ship modeler himself and brings a practical slant to his writing.

This is a very interesting biography of a truly talented model ship builder. From an early life as a

conscientious objector, he moved into a position as the shipbuilder for Lord Mountbatten. He also did model work for the film industry and nautical museums. To say Ough was passionate about craft is an understatement. He was truly obsessed to the point of often putting his work before eating and sleeping. The pictures of his small flat show that it was mostly modeling studio and far less a home. The story is well-told and the book is profusely illustrated, although the B&W images suffer from a lack of tonality. There are also dozens of drawings included in the volume as well. An added bonus are the 20 pages of color images of his model work. I recommend this book to any model builder who is looking for an interesting, model-related read.

It was OK. I had hoped for my info on techniques. Lots of small pictures of his completed projects

A very interesting life story with many gray and gray family photos. The color photos are great. Another nice addition to my library.

Great book

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