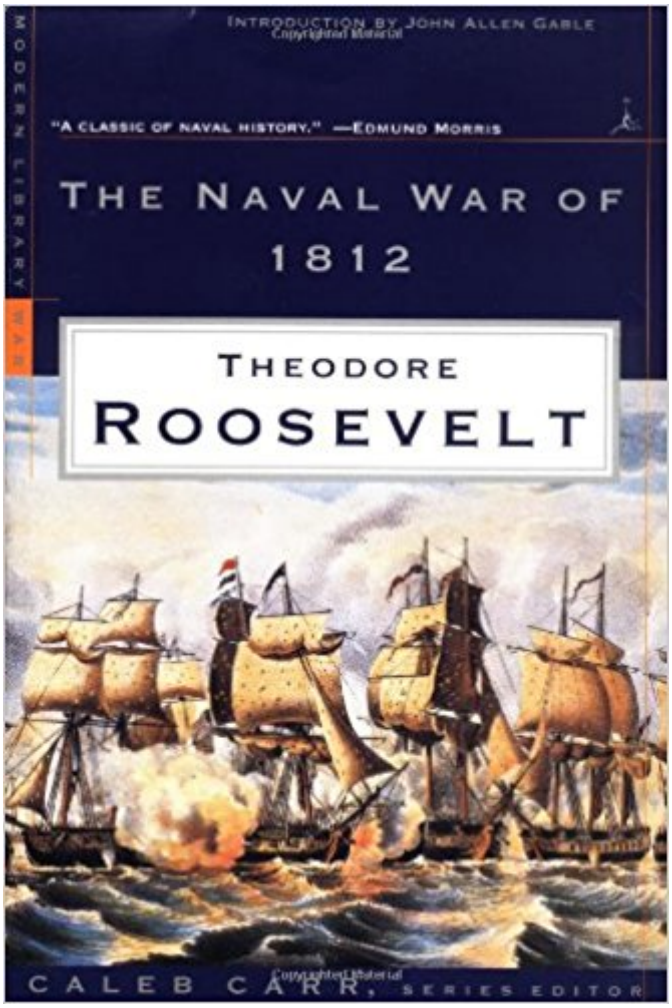
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An excellent book. T.R. knows how to keep your interest. He was also only 24 when it was published.Well researched, lots of information about the crews, weapons and ships.I wish he had left out the land portion (seems unnecessary).Interesting to see how much he was trying to make a point about the condition of the US Navy in 1882.Some definite issues in formatting with the free Kindle version. The absence of the illustrations is noticeable.Also, if you are Italian or Indian, T.R. didn't think highly of you as a sailor - so be warned on that one.

While I realize that this was written as, well...propaganda, this was a very enjoyable read. Written by a then 23 year old Teddy Roosevelt, and quite blatantly addressing a neglected US Navy of the 1880's, this book is obviously painstakingly researched, and provides quite a balanced and detailed account of naval battles of the War of 1812. The reader might also be slightly amused at the jabs at Thomas Jefferson who certainly did not like the idea of spending money on a navy. Roosevelt's purpose in writing this was to push for naval preparedness, which was of course lacking in the 1880's. I highly recommend this very enjoyable read to anyone interested in not only the naval actions of the War of 1812, but in the history of the US Navy.

This was a fascinating book. It describes in very good detail each and every naval action in the War of 1812. Roosevelt relied on many naval records, letters from the officers involved and even British and French sources. The only drawback to a great read was the 19th century language took some getting used to, and the many statistics which might have been useful to a technician, but I didn't need the discussion on whether this ship was rated at 5 more tons that its opponent. If you like stories of sailing war vessels and the descriptions of the battles, this is the book for you. He even puts the decisions from the leaders in Washington and London in context with the results of the battles. All in all, very worth reading.

Kindle edition is free. How good does the book have to be?What most readers may not know is that this book was something of a standard history at the U S Navel Academy and in British universities.

TR was a very much a superior historian, if still a man of his times.This is a critical history and not for light entertainment. TR makes a serious analysis of nearly every important engagement between American units and the British. In every case he is scrupulous about praising and blaming where he believe praise and blame is appropriate. In every case he makes known his reasons. Unfortunately, he is furious at a previously published British analysis of the Naval WAR of 1812 and his often repeated damnation of the nationalistic bias of that edition bulks out this volume with too much recycled bile.The presumption that race maters is endemic in this text. There is some admission that -for example- the French built good (better) ships and when well lead could earn victory. In the main there is an assumption that the Americans were the better race, the British , close cousins to Americans were second and all other claimants trail according to how closely their national blood line mirrored the American blood line.For many readers this fact renders this book as unreadable. I suggest that: The Naval War of 1812 stands as document historic in its own right. And that the racism of TR makes it a case in point from which readers can document any number of persoanl viewpoints.

The book is not as easy to read as the author’s autobiography. It has an impressive profusion of details. Really, too many. So many in fact, that the book is boring.....although, perhaps it was written for those researchers and scholars interested in historical naval warfare.It is also a recurring warning against well known naval warfare authors on both sides of the Atlantic, specially on the British side.It demonstrates with facts that these these authors are not to be trusted. Their information is non reliable and biased.Finally, this book has a quality: it probably explains better than any other book, the reasons behind President Roosevelt ’s insistence in building newer and better naval warships as well as the pro navy policies he pursued after he became President and the US fleet worldwide tour at the end of his Presidency. It may also explain some of the reasoning behind his decision to choose PanamÃƒÂ¡ as the site to build the isthmian canal.

The Naval War of 1812The content of the book is fine, but the layout is difficult to read. It’s printed on large pages in a single column with a small font, resulting is great, huge blocks of difficult-to-read text.

This is one of the seminal works on the Naval War of 1812. It is clearly written and a pleasure to read. TR wrote this as a student and the scholarship is apparent on every page. I use this work as a literature source for a presentation I prepared and presented to the Military Officers of Foreign Wars

in Boston, MA. Years after writing this book TR became assistant Secretary of the Navy. He of course resigned that position to fight in Cuba with The Rough Riders. If you are a TR fan, if you want to know about the Naval War of 1812, if you want to understand Naval Strategy this is an important read.

Wonderful !!Theodore Roosevelt refutes long standing Jame's version of actual events during War of 1812.Anyone interested in British, French or American ship of the line facts will find all they want to know within this book. Roosevelt didn't hold anything back critically refuting long held British known facts of the war.

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